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MUSSOLINI'S MOVE AGAINST VICHY

Japs' Next Objective—India Or Australia?

BR. PLAN OF OFFENSIVE AGAINST AXIS

Attlee On Rearguard Action In Burma: Winterton Asks For Details Of Campaign

LONDON, May 19.

We are doing all we can to strengthen our forces in India, declared the Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee opening the two-days' debate on the War situation in the House of Commons today.

It is not yet clear whether Japan will attack India, he continued. She may attack Australia. The Coral Sea battle was a very effective check but the threat to Australia remains. If the Japanese did attack Australia, they would get a very warm welcome.

FROM DEFENSIVE TO OFFENSIVE

Concluding Mr. Attlee defended the existing organisations of Chiefs of Staffs and methods of consultation with the Allies declaring that it would be impossible to have any very different machinery unless someone discovered a wonderful winged Amphibian genius who could conduct war by land, sea and air. "We can have sober confidence in the future", he affirmed. "Every month increases our strength and prepares the way to a change from the defensive to the offensive."

ATTLEE'S SPEECH

Mr. Attlee declared "it is obviously impossible for us to provide adequate forces at every point in the Far East and equally unsound to concentrate our major forces in any one area before Japan reveals her main objective. We have to hold on until we can regain strength in the air, on the sea and land."

AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCE

Dealing with Australia he said "because the United States has accepted the responsibility for reinforcing Australia, it does not mean there is indifference on our part. We are ready when the need arises to run any risks in other areas for the Defence of Australia. In Burma, General Alexander and his troops in conjunction with the Chinese have been fighting a very gallant rearguard action (cheers). The action has been conducted with great skill and obstinacy. Essentially it has been a delaying action while we were bringing out forces by air, sea and land. But our forces and the Chinese have inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and put up a very fine fight.

GOOD EXAMPLE OF COMBINED OPERATION

The difficulties of communication between India and Burma once the sea route is lost are very great. It is not clear whether the Japanese will continue their attack on China or attack India. We have to be ready for either event. We have strengthened our forces in Ceylon and anticipated a possible Japanese attack by the occupation of Diego Suarez—a very good example of well-planned combined operation. We are strengthening our position in the Indian Ocean but Japanese forces may strike in another direction—against Australia and New Zealand.

TIME IS ESSENCE OF PROBLEM

After a warm tribute to Australian and New Zealand aid to the mother country in the past, Mr. Attlee continued, "Time is the essence of the problem". It is far easier to send forces from America to Australia than from Britain. This was recognised in the discussions on the general layout of our strategic co-operation with the United States. It was agreed by all that there should be division of primary responsibility. The Pacific Area from a line drawn

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JAPANESE CONCENTRATION

Next Offensive Against China?

CHUNGKING, May 19.

A Chinese spokesman said today that large Japanese re-inforcements were pouring into Burma, and there were Japanese concentrations on the border between Indo-China and the Chinese province of Yunnan.

These movements presage that the next major offensive will be against China. "We need all the aid possible particularly aircraft which must be sent quickly", he said.—Reuter.

Chinese Bases To Bomb Japan

OTTAWA, May 19.

China has bases and pilots ready to bomb Japan, as soon as aircraft can be made available, said the Commander of the Chinese Air Forces in the United States, Major-General Chen, on Monday.

China would never cease fighting until the war was won, he added.

Major-General Chen is in Ottawa in connection with the United Nations' Air Training Conference. —Reuter.

Japanese Raid Moresby

LONDON, May 19.

(Allied Headquarters Australia). When the Japanese raided Moresby on Monday, they dropped at least 200 "Daisy Cutters" (anti-Personnel bombs) in addition to high explosives. The majority were dropped in jungle. For the first time, Japanese bombers were unprotected by zero fighters. Allied fighters shot down two heavy bombers, and two more were almost certainly destroyed. A Military Spokesman to-day confirmed reports that a Messerschmitt 109 fighter had been sighted by Allied bombers over Rabaul in New Guinea last week.—Reuter.

Chinese Troops Drive Japs Out Of Fengyu

CHUNGKING, May 19.

Chinese troops have driven the Japanese out of Fengyu, south-west of Hankow after repulsing the Japanese attack on Meinyang. A Japanese attempt to recapture Fengyu was beaten off with the loss of 300 men. The Japanese have taken Shengshien, a small town further south, where fighting is now going on.

To-night's Chinese communique announced the capture by the Japanese of Chuki, a town on the railway noth-east of Kinhwa the capital of Chekiang province. The Chinese are successfully counter-attacking at Shengshien, south east of Chuki. The Japanese were driven back some distance. There is no change on the Yunnan front.

A Japanese force at Hungmushu Tengchung, in Yunnan has been decimated by the Chinese troops. The Japanese remnants are retreating to Tatsai with the Chinese in pursuit.—Reuter.

Woo Meets Mahatma

Urges United Front Against The Japanese

WARDHAGANJ, May 19.

"Close up your ranks and present an united front to Japanese aggression as we are doing since the last five years under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's leadership," was the advice given by Mr. K. Woo, Chinese Commissioner to the Chinese Overseas Minister, to Rashtriya Yuvaksangha volunteers, when he addressed them today.

Mr. Woo, who is carrying a letter from the Chinese Overseas Minister to Mahatma Gandhi, saw Gandhiji and had a talk with him on the International situation. Mr. Woo told the Press that Mahatma Gandhi expressed sympathy in China's struggle against Japan.

Mr. Woo will tour India for a month, and will afterwards visit Afghanistan, Persia, Iraq and Turkey.—A. P.

ALL OVER AN ARABIC PHRASE!

LAHORE, May 19.

A wordy duel between two disciples of a Mullah over the meaning of an Arabic phrase has resulted in the death of one of them.

It is reported that a Mullah used to impart religious education to a party of young Muslims in a local Mosque. While the Mullah was absent from the Mosque today, a dispute arose between two disciples over the meaning of an Arabic phrase. In a moment of exasperation, one of them got up and gave a 'danda' blow to the other resulting in injuries to which he later succumbed in hospital.

The alleged assailant has been arrested.—A. P.

Security Prisoners Released Unconditionally

BAREILLY, May 19.

Fifteen Communist security prisoners detained in Bareilly Central Prison, including Ramesh Chandra Sinha and Om Prakash Sangal, have been unconditionally released by the Government.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOUR

WASHINGTON, May 19.

President Roosevelt has personally awarded the Congressional Medal of honour to Brigadier General Doolittle who led the squadron of United States bombers in the raid on Japan.—Reuter.

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OCCUPATION OF CORSICA?

Italian Press Offensive Against Tunis And Nice

BERNE, May 19.

Mussolini's visit to Sardinia is believed to be a prelude to the occupation of Corsica, says the Rome Correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten".

"Important decisions" are expected to be announced at the next meeting of the Fascist Grand Council.

"Giornale d Italia" commenting on the visit makes impatient allusions to Corsica, Nice and Tunis.

'ALERT' IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 19.

An air-raid alarm was sounded over the Radio shortly after 15.00 hours G.M.T. All radio stations were off the air. The 'All-Clear' was sounded at 15.31 G.M.T.

Test Alarm

NEW YORK, May 19.

The first air-raid alarm since the first week of the war was sounded in New York 15-10 G.M.T. and lasted until 15-31. Radio stations returned to the air one minute later. Report of approaching unidentified planes was flashed by the Police Radio. Police officials emphasize that it was not a test.

Wardens and Police who believed it was the real thing were notified after the alert by Major-General Follett Bradley, Commanding the Headquarters Air-force, Eastern Defence Command, that it was a test of the Blue Alarm system.

Mrs. Shirin F. Ashrafi, B.A. appeared successfully for the B.T. examination from Bombay University. She was the Chairman of Ismailia Students' Society in 1939-40 and 1940-41.

More Support To Free France

Loyalty Of Syria And French Equatorial Africa

LONDON, May 19.

A message expressing the loyalty of the French Equatorial Africa and of Syria to the Free French cause has just been received by General de Gaulle says the Independent French Agency.

The Governor-General of French Equatorial Africa M. Eboue telegraphed that the Colony rejoiced to hear that the French Sovereignty uninterruptedly maintained over Madagascar had been assumed by Fighting France. "The loyalty of our Allies and your will to assemble the Empire for war and in the war are guarantee of national resurrection" he added.

A gift of 2 million Francs has been forwarded by General Catroux, Free French Delegate-General in Syria and Lebanon to be used for armament funds of the Free French Forces. It consisted of voluntary contributions from French officials and soldiers as well as Syrian and Lebanese officials and employees.—Reuter.

Mr. Purshottamdas Popatlal Sheth, the newly elected president of the Bombay Yarn and Silk Merchants' Association.

Production Member For Viceroy's Council

Non-Official Europeans Demand Inclusion Of Representative

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

NEW DELHI, May 19.

The Viceroy is again faced with a perplexing situation owing to a large number of claims for representation on the Expanded Council. The question of further expansion and redistribution of portfolios does not appear to have come up before the Council but the Viceroy is understood to be urging the authorities in London that vacancies in the Council can no longer be kept unfilled in the interest of the administration.

Already two important portfolios have no Member-in-Charge viz. the Information and Broadcasting Portfolio and the Communications Portfolio. As Mr. Puckle the Information Secretary is shortly proceeding on leave, the department of such vast dimensions as Information and Broadcasting will have to be run by a Deputy Secretary. Owing to interpreation rules that for a permanent vacancy officiating arrangements cannot be made even the Communications Portfolio which controls the transport policy has no Member. In addition, it is now stated that Civil Defence Member, Mr. Raghavendra Rau is going on sick leave for an indefinite period. It is practically certain that the American Technical Mission will insist on the appointment of separate Production Member so that altogether four new appointments have to be made for purely administrative needs.

Two important questions have arisen in this connection—first, why those departments for which there are now no members should not be temporarily transferred to Indian members some of whom like Mr. Aney and Sir Sultan Ahmed have comparatively light work, secondly, the pressure now brought by non-official European community for the inclusion of a representative of their community in the expanded Council. There is little doubt that if the Viceroy consults his Council, Indian members will strongly press for complete Indianisation and protest against handling over an important department like Communications to a non-official European. The question of filling up vacancies is said to be under discussion with Whitehall, but decision is expected in the next few days.

The Viceroy's idea is said to be to reserve the coming vacancies for giving representation to other important interests like Sikhs and Scheduled Castes.

Incidentally, there is a good deal of talk in New Delhi that a number of European evacuees from Burma and Malaya are being given appointments under the Central and Provincial Governments though suitable Indian candidates are available. One or two members of the Central Assembly who were in New Delhi said they proposed to raise the matter immediately with the Government.

Battle Of Steel On Kharkov Front

Savage Counter-Blow Of Tanks To Stem Soviet Offensive

MOSCOW, May 19.

The 'battle of steel' continues on the Kharkov Front.

The Germans are throwing in everything they have on the sectors through which the Russians have penetrated. They are still putting their chief faith in tanks to stem the Soviet offensive, and in one savage counter-blow, 150 tanks were hurled in a front of two and a half miles. On another sector, General von Bock sent in waves of 100, 80, 50 tanks.

The Russians are now approaching a vital highway parallel to the front and linking two large inhabited points. This highway is the chief German line of communication for switching reserves and supplies. Every village east thereof is fortified, and the Germans are fighting desperately. The Russian Command is sending Tommy-gunners forward to attack villages from the rear.—Reuter.

Offensive Fighting In Kharkov Sector

MOSCOW, May 18.

The Soviet midnight communique states, "On May 18 the Russians carried out offensive fighting in Kharkov sector and recorded further advance.

There is intense fighting in the area of the town of Kerch.

The communique adds that nothing of importance took place on other fronts.

60 GERMAN TANKS DESTROYED

Several more towns and villages on the Kharkov front have been occupied during the last 24 hours, the Moscow radio announced on Monday night.

In one big tank battle the Germans threw in 90 tanks. The Russians met the onslaught with such intense artillery anti-tank gunfire that 46 tanks were destroyed and the rest put to flight.

The announcement adds that altogether 60 German tanks have been destroyed on this front during the last 24 hours.

"SCORCHED EARTH" BY GERMANS

The strategic importance of a row of hills captured by Marshal Timoshenko's troops early in the Kharkov offensive is now clear.

From these hills, known as Lake Hill, Golden Hill and nameless hill respectively, advance is possible on an important centre near the main railway and high road, the latter leading westward into the German rear. They also provide our excellent jumping off ground for an attack on the German system of dugouts and trenches.

The invaders clung desperately to these three hills rushing forward four shock battalions to help to hold them, but the Russians captured them in one short storming assault.

Thereafter the Germans counter-attacked many times but always vainly.

In their retreat the Germans are again burning villages and carrying off the population westwards. The smell of smoke from gutted hamlets hangs over the countryside.

The German command apparently believed at first that Marshal Timoshenko's men could be disturbed by sufficient display of German armour but the Russians have complete confidence in their anti-tank guns and long barreled anti-tank rifles. They let the German tanks come within short range when they can then riddle them with their armour piercing bullets. —Reuter.

Nazi Admission

BERNE, May 15.

Claiming that Marshal Timoshenko's drive on the Kharkov front has now been stopped, German newspapers for the first time refer to "Russia's" Spring Offensive."

German correspondents on the Russian front admit that the Russians have succeeded in filling the gaps due to winter losses and concentrated large masses of troops.

In an effort to explain the German retreat, correspondents declare that the Russians have adopted new tactics of massing their tanks all together in order to effect breakthroughs at various points. The most powerful aircraft bombing and heaviest artillery barrage preceded the Russian offensive, it is added. The Russians' 21 centimeter guns, says one correspondent, turned "the earth into a dancing tornado." The Germans now are also using Molotov cocktails to destroy the Russian tanks it is claimed.—Reuter.

UNITED NATIONS AIR CONFERENCE

Key To Victory Lies In Co-ordination Of Effort, Says MacKenzie King

OTTAWA, May 19.

The key to victory lies in perfecting the co-ordination of effort among the combined forces of the United Nations, declared the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. MacKenzie King opening the United Nations' Air Conference today (Tuesday).

Mr. MacKenzie King regretted that "circumstances made it impossible for the Soviets to be represented" among the sixteen nations attending the Conference at which greater degree of co-ordination in air training and operations will be sought.

Mr. MacKenzie King added that President Roosevelt has made important suggestions on the scope of the Conference.

Co-ordination In Air Training

The air training plan has been in operation for over two years and already far exceeded the original objective, continued Mr. MacKenzie King. The aim of the Conference was not merely the discussion of problems. It proposed to explore all possibilities of co-operation and co-ordination in air training.

Great progress had already been made in pooling aeroplane production in the United Nations.—Reuter.

"EMPRESS OF ASIA" SUNK

OTTAWA, May 19.

The loss of the liner "Empress of Asia", 17,000 tons is announced.

She was launched in 1913.—

The story of how the giant liner "Empress of Asia", while transporting troops to Singapore was beached and burned, is told by fourteen Canadian survivors landed here. Most of the 2,500 Imperial troops aboard as well 100 seamen escaped. Spotting the ship only six miles outside Singapore, Japanese divebombers plastered it from a height of 25,000 feet. "About eighty bombs were dropped with five direct hits", said a Vancouver lad Owen Gillett. Four bombs struck well forward near the bridge. A fifth bomb hit the galley causing fire. Soon flames roared through the liner. Lifeboats were burned. Members of the ships crew said they owed their lives to the Australian sloop "Yarra" which ran alongside the blazing ship and took off the men, while keeping its anti-aircraft guns blazing at the Japanese planes. All attempts to save the "Empress of Asia" were hopeless. She drifted through a minefield and went aground. The fire had made a twisted steel, skeleton out of what in peace time was a glittering luxury liner.

Chichester By-election Result

LONDON, May 18.

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THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED that the programme for the running of the Air Conditioned Coaches on 7 Down and 8 Up Calcutta Mails (via Allahabad) has been correctly shown on page ix and Fly leaf between pages 38 and 39 of the current edition of the Time Tables & Guide as follows:

FROM BOMBAY
Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

FROM HOWRAH
Every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

THE PROGRAMME SHOWN ON PAGE 142 IS INCORRECT.
(8488)

Public Notices

NOTICE

WANTED immediately following staff:—

1 GENERAL MANAGER, Qualified and well experienced in English correspondence, accounts and capable of holding independent charge of a business concern, wood-working factory and sales.
1 ENGINEER, Qualified, preferably experienced in wood working, Machinery, Tools and Plants, together with Joinery and Furniture Making.
1 OVERSEER, Qualified and experienced in hilly roads, and timber extraction and designing timber houses,
2 ACCOUNTANTS Qualified, must be capable of drawing trial balances, balance sheets and holding independent charge of branch office,
1 SHORTHAND TYPIST, Good knowledge of English correspondence essential,
1 GENTLEMAN with practical experience in floating and rafting Sleepers and making Booms, etc.

Apply stating past experiences and lowest salary acceptable to RATTEE RAM & SONS, Govt., Rly and Military Contractors, La Touche Road, CAWNPORE.
(8453)

MATRICULATES

IF YOU ARE BETWEEN 17½ AND 41 YEARS
YOU WISH TO EARN GOOD PAY
YOU WISH TO HELP YOUR COUNTRY

JOIN THE ARMY AS A HAVILDAR CLERK
STARTING PAY RS. 63 PER MONTH

FOOD
CLOTHING
ACCOMMODATION

FREE

APPLY TO:—

1. Technical Recruiting Officer, Staunton Road, Poona.
2. Asstt. Tech. Recruiting Officer, Esplanade Maidan, Bombay.
3. Asstt. Tech. Recruiting Officer, Assembly Rest House Bldg. Nagpur.
4. Asstt. Tech. Recruiting Officer, Lal Darvaja, Ahmedabad.
5. Asstt. Tech. Recruiting Officer, Bungalow No. 39, Camp Belgaum.

(8402)

CAWNPORE MUNICIPALITY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from qualified Electrical and Mechanical Engineers for the post of Water Works Superintendent for Cawnpore Water Works on a salary of Rs. 1,000-25-1,250 p.m. Those who had applied before, i.e., in February, 1942, need not apply. Candidates should possess necessary qualifications laid down in the U.P. Municipal Manual Correction Slip No. 54, page 274, a copy of which can be had along with application form on payment of Rs. 2/- in Postal order, from the Executive Officer, Municipality Cawnpore.

Applications should reach the undersigned on or before the 31st May, 1942.

H. M. SAMI,
Chairman,
Municipal Board, Cawnpore.
12-5-1942. (8458)

COLLEGE OF COMMERCE & ECONOMICS, BARODA

Recently affiliated to the University of Bombay for preparing students reading upto the Inter Commerce examination of the Bombay University will start work from 20th June, 1942.

Candidates wishing to seek admissions are requested to send in their applications for admission as early as possible in view of the fact that admission is limited.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE FOR TUITION IN ALL SUBJECTS PARTICULARLY FOR STUDENTS PREPARING FOR INTER COMMERCE EXAMINATION OF THE BOMBAY UNIVERSITY

Free Studentships and Scholarships may be awarded to poor and deserving students.

Hostel accommodation is available for a limited number of students. Rent Rs. 30/- per term all inclusive. Application for admission to the Hostel should be sent along with application for admission to the College.

Boarding and lodging arrangements have been made for Girl Students in a separate Hostel.

For prospectus and application forms write to the Principal, College of Commerce and Economics, Baroda.

V. Y. KOLHATKAR,
Principal.
(8389)

WANTED CLERKS

AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY is offered to Matriculates or men upto that standard to serve in the Indian Army as Havildar Clerks.

Starting pay Rs. 63/- per month, with free food, clothes and quarters.

Men who have studied beyond Matriculation or those who have previous clerical experience may be given a higher starting rate of pay if found suitable.

Apply to the nearest of the following:—

1. Technical Recruiting Officer, Staunton Road, POONA.
2. Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Esplanade Maidan, BOMBAY.
3. Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Assembly Rest House Building, NAGPUR.
4. Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Lal Darvaja, AHMEDABAD.
5. Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Bungalow No. 39, Camp, BELGAUM.

(8292)

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KALIDAS BHAWAN, VASSANJI AMERSEY, MATHURADAS, AMERSEY, LAKSHMIDAS VASSANJI, CURSANDAS VASSANJI and MULJI VASSANJI, the last five being members of a joint and undivided Hindu family, the said Lakshmidas Vassanji, Cursandas Vassanji and Mulji Vassanji being minors by their duly appointed guardian the said Vassanji Amersey, all of Kandivli Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell the under mentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing, to the undersigned at their Office at Alli Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of Khot land or ground with stables and structures thereon situate, lying and being at Malad, near Kandivli Station, Pot Tukdi Bandra, Taluka Salsette, District Thana, and in the registration Sub-District of Bandra, in the former document, containing by admeasurement 10324 square yards but on actual measurement 10240 square yards or thereabouts bearing Survey No. 64 and forming part of Falni No. 2 Dhep No. 2912 and bearing Notified Area Committee Numbers 57, 58, 58A, 59 and 59A and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the EAST by Ghod Bunder Road, on or towards the WEST by the land belonging to Harkissondas Jugiwandas, on or towards the SOUTH by a streamlet and beyond that partly by the land of Narottam Ghellabhai and partly by the land of Bhailal Girdhardas and on or towards the NORTH by the Habibbhai Road and which said premises bear no entry numbers as the same being Khot land has not been surveyed.

Dated this 18th day of May, 1942.

THAKORDAS DARU
HEMANY & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
8482

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. KESHAVJI KALLIANJI and RATANSEY KALLIANJI alias RATNASING KALYANJI have, as from the 1st day of January, 1942, retired from the partnership firm of our clients Messrs. India Film Circuit, Proprietors of India Talkies, carrying on business as Film Exhibitors at Bhiwandi, District Thana and that from that date the said business is being and will be carried on by our client Mr. SHANTARAM MUGATLAL BHATT.

Dated this 18th day of May, 1942.

BHAISHANKER, KANGA and GIRDHARLAL,
Attorneys for
Mr. SHANTARAM M. BHATT,
Proprietor of India Talkies, Bhiwandi.
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Public Notices

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY

TWO INDIAN TUG MASTERS required for dredging at Aden. Knowledge of English essential. Apply with testimonials to Staff Officer (Bombay), Royal Indian Navy, Vithal House, Mint Road, Bombay.
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BOMBAY KERALEEYA SAMAJ

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Bombay Keraleeya Samaj, will be held at the King George English School, Hindu Colony, Dadar (G. I. P.) at 9 A. M. on SUNDAY, 31st May, 1942 to consider the question of starting a Hostel.
1623.

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

HYDRAULIC ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

TENDERS accompanied with a deposit of Rs. 220/- for the supply of Burst Alarms are invited and will be received upto 1 P.M. (Bombay Time) on the 3rd day of June, 1942.

Tenders should be enclosed in a sealed envelope superscribed "Tenders for the supply of Burst Alarms" and addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the Office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay.

Forms of tenders, specifications, etc., will be issued on payment of Rs. 2/- to any one deputed to receive them by the Undersigned who will on application give any further information that may be required.

E. A. NADIRSHAH,
Hydraulic Engineer.
Hydraulic Engineer's Office,
Improvement Trust Building,
Napier Road, Fort,
Bombay, 19th May, 1942.
(8483)

Auction Sales

GANDHI & CO.
Govt. Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE OF HIGHLY POLISHED MODERN FURNITURE OPPOSITE MARINE LINES STATION, QUEENS ROAD.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO., Auctioneers will, under instructions from The Court Receiver, High Court, Bombay and the Receiver appointed in High Court Suit No. 533 of 1942 (Devshankar V/s Banwarilal) sell by Public Auction on MONDAY the 25th May, 1942 at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), at the Show Rooms at No. 53, Dina Building Queens Road, Opposite Marine Lines Station:—

Highly Polished Modern Furniture of the Show Rooms of Brimohan Banwarilal including Single and Double Door Almyrahs, Dressing Table, Chest of Drawers, writing Tables, Dining Tables, Centre Tables, Show Cases, Chesterfield Suits, Teapoys, Chairs, Bedsteads, Easy Chairs, Meat safe, Dirty Cloth Baskets, etc.,

Terms:—25 per cent. Deposit.
GANDHI & CO.,

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Under instructions from the B. B. & C. I. Railway Company, and in accordance with the provisions of Sections 55 and 56 of the Indian Railways Act No. IX of 1890, Messrs. MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction at the risk of the owners on FRIDAY the 5th June, 1942, at 2 p.m. (S. T.), at Carnac Bridge Goods Depot booked and unbooked articles and unclaimed bags of Grain, Wheat, Castorseeds, Cotton sweepings, Iron packages, etc., etc.

A descriptive list of booked consignments on which freight and wharfage charges are due can be seen on the Office Notice Boards in the Goods Shed, at Carnac Bridge Depot, and at important stations on the Broad Gauge section of the B. B. & C. I. Railway.

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ZANANA SHOW
To-morrow 1-30 p.m.
Murli's Family Film
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14th Fascinating Week
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Daily 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

Rib-Tickling Romance!
NEW HUNS' Happy Hit
PAHILA PALNA
(Many Happy Returns)
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Daily 3-30, 6-15, 9 p.m.
CENTRAL

12th Week!
Circo's Epic of and for the Nation
APNA GHAR
KRISHNA
TALKIES—Dubash Theatre.
Three Shows To-day
Marathi 3-30 p.m. Hindi 6-30 and 9-30
ZENANA SHOW
To-morrow at 12 noon
Hindi

3rd BIG WEEK!
BROADWAY
(DADAR)
Daily: 4-15, 7 & 10 p.m.
Sat., Sun. & Holidays 1-30 p.m.
NATIONAL'S
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Starring:
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DID YOU SEE
"KHAN DAAN"——?
(WHAT A QUESTION TO ASK!)
—HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU SEE
DALSUKH PANCHOLI'S
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—IS THE CURRENT QUERRY!
They Answer It
BY A REPEAT-VISIT
4th WEEK at
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Daily: 3, 6, 9 p.m.
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LAST 3 DAYS
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Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
OUR COMING ATTRACTION
From SATURDAY—
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Magnificent
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HIND PICTURE
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NOVELTY
3 Shows To-day: 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
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A NEW THEATRES' RELEASE
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Direction: VIJAY BHATT
Daily 2-45, 6, 9 (Hindi)
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EVERGREEN RELEASE

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▲ Picture that will capture your imagination
RANJIT'S SOCIAL
The GUEST
(MEHMAN)
Director: CHATURBHUJ DOSHI
Cast: MADHURI, ISHWARLAL, SHAMIM, RAMA SHUKUL
Daily at 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.
Mat. Sun. at 12-45 P.M.
OPERA HOUSE

2nd WEEK
PRAKASH PICTURES' MUSICAL ROMANCE
STATION MASTER
Featuring
PREM ADIB, JAGDISH, RATNAMALA, JEEVAN, KAUSHALYA
Direction: C. M. LUHAR, B.Sc.
Daily 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.
Sat., Sun. Matinee 12-45 p.m.
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EVERGREEN RELEASE

The Freshest Thing in Years!
JHOOLA
BOMBAY TALKIES' Musical Comedy
YOUTHFUL! JOYFUL! FULL OF FUN!
Daily: 2-15, 5-45, 9 p.m.
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Next SATURDAY .....
A PLEDGE TO SACRIFICE ALL HAPPINESS FOR HIS BROTHER!
A great Drama pulsating with Life, Love and Laughter!!!
Direction:— HEMCHUNDER
Music: BORAL
'Saugand'
Starring:— PAHARI, BHARATI, ASHIT-BARAN, CHANDRAVATI, B. GOSWAMI etc.

A NEW THEATRES PICTURE!
From SATURDAY, 23rd May, at
KRISHNA

REST CENTRES FOR PARSIS

The Trustees of the Parsi Punchayet Funds and Properties, Bombay, have opened 11 rest centres in various parts of the city for emergency purposes. At these centres, provision for boarding and lodging will be made for those Parsis who have been affected by enemy action and desire to take advantage of them.

The centres are at the Bengali School, Parsi Bazaar Street, Fort, the Gamadia School, Dhobi Talao, Daysett Fire Temple premises, Fanaswadi, the Albless Baug, Girgaum, the Cama Baug, Charni Road, the Princess High School for Girls, Lamington Road, Setna's Agiary, Tardeo, Bai Ratanbai Pande School, Tardeo, certain blocks of the Petit Sanatorium, Cumballa Hill, the Sir J. J. School House, Government Gate Road, Parel, and the Dadar Parsi Colony Gymkhana.

ENCOURAGING GROWTH OF FOOD CROPS

MADRAS, May 19.

With a view to encouraging the production of food crops in the Presidency the Madras Government have permitted all Government servants occupying Government quarters to grow food crops or vegetables on the compounds of their residences.

They will not be charged anything as assessment or irrigation cess but permission to take Government water will have to be obtained where such permission is necessary.

Officers of the Agricultural Department will give advice as and when needed.—United Press

Andheri-Versova Bus Service

A public meeting of the residents of Versova, was held on Sunday in the "Daria Mahal" to ventilate their grievences against the Andheri-Versova bus service. Mr. Sorabji Talati presided.

Mr. Panalal M. Chiani, the convener narrated with facts and figures the hardships which the passengers had to undergo.

Mr. Talati, from his personal experience, said that the treatment of the bus men towards women passengers was very rude and rough.

In the end the meeting passed the following resolutions. 1. Resolved that the present bus service be thoroughly overhauled and improved and that special buses be reserved to carry fish and fish folk, that at least twelve buses should be put on service at regular intervals; that the buses should run accordingly to the fixed time table; and that the authorities ought to take proper precautions and care before passing the buses. 2. Resolved that the authorities concerned be requested to form immediately a representative committee, to look after the comforts of the passengers. 3. The following are the authorised to move further into the matter with the proprietor:—1. Mr. P. M. Chinai, 2. Mr. S. D. Talati, 3. Lt. C. M. Pandya, 4. Mr. Namdeo Vesaveker, 5. Dr. Purandher, 6. Dr. Dandeker, 7. Mr. B. M. Bhathena, 8. Mr. Rajabali Rajam, 9. Mr. Joseph Dias.

City And Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hidu: Adhik Jeth Shud 5, 1998
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Avval 4, 1361
Parsi: Adar 18, 1311
Sunrise: 6-4 a.m. Sunset: 7-6 p.m.
Hightide: 2-18, 15-14. Lowtide: 8-15, 21-30

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

SUPER—"The Return of Toofan Mail" 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"The Guest" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CAPITOL—"A Yank in the R.A.F." 4 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"Khan-Daan" 3 6 and 9 p.m
REGAL—"How Green Was My Valley" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 and 9 p.m.
METRO—"The Man who Came to Dinner" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Ladies in Retirement" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Avaz" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
HIND-MATA—"Jungle Princess" 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m
PALACE—"Road to Zanzibar" 4, 6-30 and 10
EDWARD—"Akela" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Tulsi" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
AURORA—"Back Street" 3-30, 6-30 and 10
CENTRAL—"Pahila Palna" 3-30 6-15 and 9 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Society" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
MINERVA—"Station Master" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-45, 6 and 9 p.m
LAMINGTON—"Rai Saheb" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Garib" 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m
IMPERIAL—"Pyas" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Amrit" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
PRAKASH—"Thoratanchi Kamla" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

BEST TRAFFIC UNION: A meeting of the Special Committee of the BEST Traffic Union will be held to-day (Wednesday), at 6 p.m. in the Union office.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: A public Study Class on "Karma" from The Ocean of Theosophy by W. Q. Judge, will be held to-day (Wednesday), at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

HINDUSTHAN HOME GUIDES: Nritya Apsara Miss Rohini Wagle Bombay, has donated Rs. 51 to the Hindusthan Home Guides—the Women's Volunteers Corps. She has become the first patron of this Institution.

MUNICIPAL WORKERS' UNION: At a meeting of employees of the Bombay Municipality, held at Foras Road Gardens on Tuesday, it was decided to send a deputation to the Municipal Mayor consisting of representatives of the Union, to explain to him the grievances of the employees and to seek redress.

SEVA SADAN SOCIETY: The Seva Sadan Society offers scholarships to Women Students wishing to prosecute their Studies in Bombay Colleges. Applications (on printed forms available from office), should be sent, not later than June 15, 1942, to the Hon. Secretary Seva Sadan, Bombay, 7.

Also available is one Scholarship of Rs. 70, per annum (M.D. Cama Scholarship) for a Parsi student for the Medical Course only.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' CO-OP. SOCIETY: At the annual general meeting of the Members of the Society the following were appointed to the Managing Committee:—Dr. George Coelho, President; Dr. S. N. Davar, Vice President; Drs. J. F. Menezes and N. K. Chaina, Jt. Hony. Secretaries; and Dr. J. S. Pinto, Hon. Treasurer and Drs. V. R. Desai, M. Desai; M. D'Souza, M. H. Shah, M. S. Ratliwala, D. A. Gagrat and Dr. Miss N. Trilokekar as members.

The retiring President, Dr. S. N. Davar, urged for greater co-operation from the members of the Society and placed before them the difficulty of direct importation of the goods from the Manufacturer's and the excess of the middleman's profit. He was confident that with support the Society would be a success.

Donations To Jivdaya Funds

The well-known drama of "Garieb Gai", which is directed by Munibai, will be staged on 24th inst. (Sunday), in the afternoon, at Bhangwadi Princess Theatre, Walkeshvar. Bai Munibai as a director and the heroine of the drama will come on the stage with 60 well-known actors and actresses. The proprietor of the Co., Seth Dorabji Dhanjishaw Kharas, will give 12 1/2 per cent from the income to the Jivdaya Mandali. Bai Munibai well in the midst of the drama come on the stage with a tamed animal (a real colt) called "Mataji" and will request the public to give 'bhiksha' to the Funds of Jivdaya Mandali. The office-bearers of the Jivdaya Mandali will be present. It is honed the Gujarati public will muster strong to see the drama, and thus help a good cause.

Function Of Modern Poets

An Urdu Moshaira was held under the auspices of the Bazm-e-Khayal, Bombay, at Badr Bagh on Sunday noon. Mr. S. A. Brelvi presided. Its chief merit lay in the fact that part of it was broadcast by the All-India Radio which was listened in by the whole of India. In his opening speech Mr. Brelvi thanked the A.I.R. for giving an opportunity to the different cities of India to enjoy the Moshaira from Bombay, and in this connection he exhorted the present-day Urdu poets to remove the allegation against Urdu poetry—already removed to a great extent by Hali, Akbar and Iqbal—that Urdu poetry was unresi not simple and not soul stirring and that its subject matter mostly consisted of love element. He said that if modern Urdu poetry was to be poetry in the true sense, its content should be extended and it should be made to serve as an instrument for the poet to give expression to all varieties of human thought, feeling and aspiration. This fact true at all times, was truer at the present when they were passing through revolutionary days, the events and thoughts of which affected the present and future of all persons in all countries. Those were not true poets, who remained unaffected by this revolutionary period and did not make their poetry the vehicle for carrying the message of the revolutionary happenings and thoughts of this period to the people.

After the president's speech the regular moshaira began in which not less than 18 poets took part. It came to a close with thanks to the president and the A.I.R. at 12-45 p.m. The whole function was a great success.

Peoples' Volunteer Brigade

(1) An intensive course in A.R.P. will be held at Arya Samaj Hall Matunga starting from to-day (20-5-42) at 9 p. m. All the A.R.P. squad volunteers of P. V. B. and those who are interested in A.R.P. training are requested to attend. Lectures will be given by Messrs. Barucha and C. K. Narayan.

(2) An intensive course for a week in First Aid for P.V.B. squad volunteers only has been started from yesterday at Napoo Hall at 9 p. m. Dr. Tendulker is conducting the course.

(3) There will be a rally of all the P. V B. officers, squad volunteers, and active volunteers of Matunga at Napoo Hall on Thursday the 21st inst. at 8-45 p.m. (S. T.) when special badges will be distributed to the squad volunteers. Mr. Asok Mehta G. O. C., will address them.

(4) Fire Fighting squad volunteers of Matunga who are undergoing training at the Dadar Fire Brigade Station, will please assemble at the Circle Office Nappo Hall to-day at 9-30 p.m. for receiving certain instruction.

Mr B. S. Dabke, a member of the Millowners' Association and of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay has been appointed a member of the Post-war Reconstruction Committee of the Government of India.

PVB

P.V.B. PROPAGANDA MEETINGS IN "G" WARD.

Under the auspices of the "G" Ward P.V.B. there will be three propaganda meetings on Wednesday, the 20th instant at the following places:—

1. Patra Chawl, Globe Mill Passage, De-Lisle Road, 6-30 p.m.
2. Chawl No. 1 under Mahalaxmi Bridge Opp Dhobighat Maidan, 7-30 p.m.
3. Clerk Road, Opp. Post Office, 6-45 p.m.

INAUGURATION OF RESCUE TRAINING CLASS.

Before an enthusiastic gathering of P.V.B. volunteers and officials Dr. Jos Alban D'Souza, Chairman of the Rescue Committee of the P.V.B. inaugurated the Rescue Training Class at the P.V.B. Head Quarters Jinnah Hall on Monday, the 19th May 42.

After describing the nature of the Rescue work and the training given for the purpose, Dr. D'Souza exhorted the volunteers that they should be true to the ideals of their nation and should be ready for sacrifice and service.

RESCUE TRAINING.

The Rescue Training Centre for the Girgaum area will be Robert Money School Proctor Road, Behind Congress House.

The course will consist of 4 lectures and 8 demonstrations. The volunteers will be given complete knoledge and training of Rescue from smoked rooms, escaping through windows and apertures and bringing uncouscious persons down the stairs. The course will also contain training in precautions and treatment against incendiary bombs.

The volunteers desirous of getting training should be strong in physic, courage and intelligence.

The classes will be held generally between 7 and 8 in the evening.

BOMBAY WAR GIFTS FUND

Amount previously acknowledged: Rs. 94,27,131-5-7.

FOR THE R.A.F.

Rs 298-8 The Staff of Messrs. Ralli Brothers, Ltd., (monthly)
Rs. 200 Messrs. Sepulchre Brothers (India) Ltd.
Grand Total (including sums less than Rs. 100) Rs. 94,27,913-6-7.

Bengalipura Mosque And Election Of New Trustees

A general meeting of the new Bengalipura Mosque Jamat was held at the Mosque on Sunday under the presidentship of Maulana Maulvi Ajmuddin Mohomed Shahbuddin Chisti Sahib.

The beginning was made by the Teelavat of Kur-a-ne Sharif by Basirulla Saheb, and then Mr. Abdul Razak M. Keshmiri proposed Maulvi Ajimuddin as president which was supported by Mr. Sharfuddin Sahib and Maulana Ajimuddin Sahib took the chair.

Mr. Abdul Karim Aboobakar Patel had presented the Audited A/c of Wakf which was passed by the meeting.

The Election of new Trustees was made and the resolutions were passed.

HEY PRESTO!.....
HYSTORICAL HYSTERICS by OLSEN and JOHNSON
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A— HELLZAPOPPIN'
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INDIA'S DEFENCE

Mr. Attlee in his speech in the House of Commons on Tuesday paid a well-deserved tribute to the work of General Alexander's troops and the Chinese forces. He said: "In Burma, General Alexander and his troops, in conjunction with Chinese, have been fighting a very gallant rear-guard action (cheers). The action has been conducted with great skill and obstinacy. Essentially it has been a delaying action while we were bringing out forces by air, sea and land. But our forces and the Chinese have inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and put up a very fine fight." Details given by an army observer of the Gurkha counter-attacks at Shwegyin on May 10 show how important the action was for General Alexander's forces. It defeated the last Japanese attempt to intercept these forces and enabled them to cross the Chindwin and reach Kalewa quickly and without any interference. Since then General Alexander's forces have been withdrawing smoothly towards the Indian frontier quite unhampered, except possibly for some air attacks, by the Japanese and it is not unlikely that they are already inside the Indian frontier. British forces, which had been fighting in Burma, must have inevitably suffered loss in personnel and material during the last five months. But a great proportion of the original force is now safe. This is certainly a satisfactory accomplishment.

Chinese Stay On

But the success of General Alexander's manoeuvre is also due to a large extent to the Chinese forces who did not allow the Japanese to concentrate in any considerable extent against the British and thus frustrated enemy plans to encircle the latter. These Chinese forces have decided not to leave Burma, but to remain there to hinder Japanese attempts to consolidate their hold on the country. They have established themselves in hilly country from where they can operate effectively against the Japanese. These Chinese forces can do good work not only in hampering Japanese consolidation but also in menacing the rear of Japanese forces in their offensive operations against Western China and also possible operations aganst India. They will, however, need support and the British and Americans in India can give it in the form of intensive bombing of Japanese bases. Large reinforcements of Japanese troops are reported to be pouring into Chinese frontiers from Indo-China. China needs help to resist them and, as the Chinese spokesman says, the most effective help to her would be the despatch of aeroplanes.

Wanted National Government

General Alexander's forces, ably supported by the Chinese, have bravely and gallantly fought a delaying action in Burma against heavy odds and have thus enabled Indian defences to be improved and strengthened. India has gained valuable time and the people of India expect that the Government have utilized the great opportunity, which five months of war in Burma gave them, in making this country's defences as formidable as possible. Mr. Attlee, speaking in the House of Commons, said that the British Government were alive to their responsibility in this matter. In the meanwhile, it is gratifying to learn that the Commander of the Southern Army has complete confidence in his army, "which is improving in efficiency every day and also growing in number." The significance of the recent reshuffling of Indian Commands was explained yesterday at a Press Conference in Bangalore. The change of the Southern Command into the Southern Army, with rear and advanced headquarters, is, it was explained, of deep significance to the defence of the peninsula and should "allay any fears that may yet exist about our preparedness against any possible invader." This is very reassuring. But, what Sir Stafford Cripps said at Bristol on Sunday about preparations in Britain holds true about preparations in India: "There is every reason for hope and confidence in the future, but none for easy optimism and stupid complacency. Nothing but the greatest and most total effort will serve for victory." The authorities in India are doing their best. But their best can, surely, be bettered if a National Government which can evoke "most total effort", is established in India without delay.

U. S. Troops For Britain

The largest contingent of American troops to cross the Atlantic in this war has landed in Northern Ireland. The fact that the convoy, which also brought an enormous quantity of material, arrived without any untoward incidents constitutes an encouraging reassurance in regard to the activities of German U-boats in the Atlantic. It proves that this menace can effectively be defeated given enough naval and air protection. American production has now begun supplying both.

As to the strength of the force that has been brought over, figures have naturally not been published. But a rough guess can be formed by recalling that the first convoy to reach northern Ireland has brought over between five to ten thousand Americans. The strength of the American Expeditionary Force now in Britain cannot be more than two divisions, which at best is the nucleus of an army that will be needed for substantial American participation in the invasion of Europe. But it will certainly increase the worries of Herr Hitler, about the safety of Western Europe. Of immediate importance is the question whether the convoy has brought a strong air force. American long-range bombers are urgently required in the air offensive against Germany. With their range and s[illegible]ower they can be effectively useful.

A Moving Appeal

It is a moving and significant appeal, which the crew, numbering 400, of an American ship now in port "somewhere in India" have issued to the people of India, on behalf of the interests of freedom, to resist Fascist aggression which, as they say, threatens to enslave all who may come under its rule. The appeal will certainly evoke response from the people of India for whom it is as much a matter of self-defence as of the "interests of the freedom of the world" to resist Fascist aggression and who will appreciate the assurance given by the signatories to the appeal that "in the course of our travels as seamen, we found great sympathy between the peoples of the world for the peoples of India in their struggle for freedom." Only the people of India would like this sympathy to take practical shape. If the peoples and Governments of the Allied Nations in a joint or several statements publicly support India's claim to be mistress in her own house and to have a truly National Government to carry on the war, they will be taking an important and most effective step towards winning it.

Frankly Speaking

Mediterranean Changes

Admiral Cunningham's transfer —it amounts to being "kicked upstairs"—from the Mediterranean Command to the leadership of an Admiralty delegation to the U.S.A. is rather difficult to understand. During the last two years he has proved himself perhaps the best British naval commander and has many splendid victories to his credit. The British War Cabinet, however, thinks that some one else is needed at this critical stage in the Mediterranean the mastery of which has been challenged resolutely by German U-boats and aircraft. Admiral Cunningham's successor, Admiral Harwood, is undoubtedly a capable commander who gave proof of undeniable qualities of leadership at the Battle of the Riverplate. This reshuffle indicates that important developments are impending in the Mediterranean. Let us hope Admiral Harwood justifies the War Cabinet's choice.

A Vague Reply

The Government of India have done well in refuting the rumours which have been current for some time that nearly a million tons of foodstuffs are being assembled in the various ports for being shipped abroad. The Indian Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, was perfectly justfied in drawing Government's attention to these rumours and one wonders why the Government of India appear to be riled by such a straight-forward query. We agree, however, that the Chamber should not have released the letter for publication before allowing reasonable time for a reply to be sent to the allegations. The shortage of foodstuffs is causing acute anxiety in public mind and such rumours have naturally an unsettling effect on the market. Nor is the Government's reply as explicit as it might have been. They deny that they are allowing exports "on anything like the scale indicated in the rumours quoted by the Chamber." This leaves considerable latitude to Government—and plenty of scope for further rumours.

Withdraw The Order

Pandit Jawaharlal's rejoinder to the Punjab Premier, apart from the personal consideration therein, shows clearly that the Punjab Government's treatment of the "Pratap" is utterly unjustifiable and deserves all the strictures passed on it by the Pandit. It is significant that even a paper like the "Civil and Military Gazette", describes as "obnoxious" the order on the "Pratap" imposing precensorship on it Indeed, it is impossible to issue a daily newspaper under such an order. Though the Premier said that Pandit Jawaharlal's statement bristled with mistatements he took exception only to the remark that the Government had asked for an assurance of support to their policy. Panditji points out that this remark was based on, among other things, an eminent English editor's letter which in conveying the result of the interview with the Premier, stated: "He (the Premier) declared himself willing to rescind the order against the "Pratap" only on an assurance from the "Pratap" undertaking to fall in line with the Punjab Government and public opinion in the province regarding the war." The revealing feature of the whole episode is that the odious order has not yet been withdrawn. The most graceful reply the Premier can give to Pandit Jawaharlal's criticism it to withdraw the order.

Release Kidwai

Pundit Govind Vallabh Pant is quite right when he says that the arrest and detention of Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai is sure to prejudice war effort and will help none except Fascist propagandists. As Pundit Govind Vallabh Pant points out, Mr. Kidwai had actively been associated with several anti-Axis and pro-Soviet movements, apart from the fact that, in accordance with the directions of the Congress, he had been exhorting the people to resist all aggression and to give no quarter to Japan in case of invasion. That such a man should be clapped in jail without any charge being proved against him is a gross abuse of the arbitrary power vested in the executive authority. Detention without trial of responsible leaders of the Congress like Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai defeats its own purpose inasmuch as it results in creating bitterness among the people which obviously is not conducive to enthusiastic war effort. Mr. Kidwai must be released immediately.

Release The Detenus

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—The news of the release from jail of Earl Browder, the American Communist leader, by President Roosevelt gives me an opportunity to suggest to the Bombay Government to follow the good example by immediately releasing the Communist detenus in Bombay. Six months ago the Government of India promised that the cases of the detenus will be reviewed by all Provincial Governments but the Bombay Government have not yet completed the review. Prompt and honest fulfilment of a promise publicly made will not hamper war effort but will promote it especially as the communists have now openly declared their support for the war.—Yours, etc.

N. M. JOSHI.

Bombay, May 18

PAKISTAN OR UNITY

By Dr. SYED MAHMUD

There was a keen desire in the country to participate wholeheartedly in the war, but thanks to the powers-that-be, it has been allowed to consume itself in bitter frustration. The situation has reached a stage when the apportionment of blame will help nobody, neither India, nor the cause of the United Nations. Something has to be done, and done without a moment's delay. The British Government tries to maintain that it has done its best, and the leaders of the people assert that they have left nothing undone to find a way out of the present situation. The failure of these efforts has only aggravated the situation, and no earthly good can be secured by a campaign of recrimination. If the doors of national power and freedom are barred, the way to internal unity is wide open, and there is no reason why we should not address ourselves to that task. In the gloomiest hour, if united, we can face our perils with fortitude in the hope of surviving our ordeals.

It is said that Pakistan is the stumbling block in the way of national unity Let us examine this question in a dispassionate manner.

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No country is so clearly separated from others by geographical features and so markedly intended by nature to be a single geographical unit as India. The recurring note of the past and the goal of the strivings of her people in its history has been political unification. The Mauryan Gupta, Khilji, Tughlak and Mughal empires have been but endeavours towards its realization.

Geography and history are strengthened by economic and military needs and forces. Our resources in raw materials and minerals are so distributed as to make all parts of the country inter-dependent. Bihar, Chhota Nagpur and the Deccan are rich in iron, coal, manganese and other metals, while the United Provinces, the Punjab and Bengal are granaries of wheat, rice and other agricultural products. C. P Berar and Gujrat are rich in cotton. One region supplements the other. In isolation each will be insufficient and weak.

The present war has proved beyond a shadow of doubt that there are no frontiers, at which an enemy may be halted. An entire sub-continent or a continent may become the battle-field, in which the total effort of the entire people has to be fully employed. Small nations like Poland with its three crores, Czechoslovakia with nearly two, Holland and Belgium about one crore each, have no chance against big powers No independent State on the North-West, or on the North-East of India will have the ghost of a chance of retaining its freedom against the invasion of a first class power from the west or the east Indeed, it will be a task of immense difficulty for India as a whole, unaided by other great Powers, to offer successful resistance to such an invader. Imagine the condition of Bengal to-day if it were a separate and entirely independent unit, or of the N. W. F. P. Punjab, and Sind, even if acting in alliance with Afghanistan and Iran, if Russia did not bar the progress of the Axis armies.

Mere war-time co-operation in the task of defence is not a practicable proposition. The preparation of defence will involve not merely a collaboration of armies, navies, and air forces but collaboration in the fields of finance, industry, transport and in fact the entire resources of all the units under a joint and common control.

It will, therefore, be impossible for the North-Western and North-Eastern Muslim States to attain economic self-sufficiency and develop enough political and military power to enable them to resist the pressure of external foes. How will they, then, fare in this competitive world in the matter of international trade and protection of the rights of their citizens? These provinces have no mineral deposits worth the name. No industry can flourish there without the aid of the other Indian provinces. Pakistan even in alliance with Afghanistan and Iran is clearly, therefore, an illusion It is an impracticable proposition. It is against the interests of the Musalmans themselves. No far-seeing statesman can doubt the fact that the Mussalmans will refuse to be so isolated.

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In their zeal to oppose the partition of the country, some of us have not paused to examine the Muslim League Pakistan. This name was originally given to a scheme of partition with exchange of population by Choudhry Rahmat Ali, many years ago, while he was a student in Cambridge. And curiously enough, Bhai Permanand's autobiography, which he wrote during his incarceration in the Andamans over a quarter of century ago, contains a similar proposal for segregating the Mussalmans. The Muslim League's Lahore resolution was liberally christened by a strong section of the Press as the Pakistan resolution. Several months after Mr. Jinnah also referred to "Our scheme, popularly known as Pakistan."

Now, this name is fully associat- although the Premiers of the Punjab and Bengal have refused to accept the label. The Muslim League scheme is certainly not the Pakistan of Choudhry Rahmat Ali's conception. So far as one can interpret it unaided by any authoritative spokesman of the Muslim League, it seeks to adopt Sir Sikandar's zonal scheme in a modified form. The central idea of the scheme hinges on the creation of two federal Unions of the early Canadian model, with treaty obligations which is Mr. Jinnah's favourite idea. In this scheme the provinces are being linked up into two federations independent of each other and a confederation visualised with powers delegated to it by the two federations. If this interpretation of the Muslim League scheme is correct, its consideration on merits need not be ruled out as a basis for discussion. Its flaws and drawbacks can be exposed at a joint consideration, and it can be modified, rejected, or replaced by a more acceptable and workable scheme by common consent. I offer this suggestion with a clear conscience because I am against the partition of India.

If the insistence of the Muslim League on the recognition of the right of a considerable section of the Indian population to self-determination is based on fear and suspicion, what can India lose by making a determined endeavour to roll away the dark clouds of distrusts?

After all, it is for the leaders of the major sections of India's population, both Hindu and Muslim, whose concern it is to guide the destiny of the country as a whole, to find a way—in spite of obvious difficulties—of dispelling one another's suspicion and fear, as also of every other section of the population.

Similarly, it must be noted by the leaders of the League that any demands which are not just and reasonable, even if conceded under pressure, will not in the long run profit even the Mussalmans. What will a community have gained if a sense of frustration and outstanding grievance continue to rankle in the hearts of the others? It is inconceivable that any one community in India could gain independence for itself, and it is equally inconceivable that independence so gained could be retained for any length of time. If the Hindus and Muslims are ranged in opposite camps, they will only reinforce each other's weakness.

Wisdom demands that Nationalist India should adopt a bold policy to heal the lacerations and obliterate the differences in order that the happiness and prosperity of the country may be established on sure foundations.

We must stop our wordy warfare and cease to blame this or that leader. A truce should be unequivocally declared during this critical period of our history. Unless we do that we shall never be able to face the enemy today or tomorrow either with the violent or non-violent method. Even if under the crushing stress of world events we cannot reach a final understanding, we must bring about truce among the different communities of India for the duration of the war. Who knows that it will not be the stepping stone to a lasting agreement?

The Congress President has already given a bold lead at the session of the All-India Congress Committee at Allahabad that he would call a meeting of the Congress Working Committee with a view to appointing representatives to carry on negotiations with the Muslim League if the latter body will show its willingness to do the same. If this is done the basis for a truce can be found.

If all are united, we can quickly develop the power of resisting the invader with all our might, and also the energy and strength to fight the mentality of fatalistic indifference which is dangerously growing in us out of sheer helplessness.

We are today passing through terribly critical times and it raises problems for India whose solution will affect for better or for worse the destiny of millions of human beings inhabiting this great land. If we are united we can face the world with the assurance of emerging from this turmoil with our head high and our dignity enhanced. If, on the other hand, we fail to hold together we may remain for a long time the slaves of any power that may prevail. We see all round us the ruin and destruction that hatred breeds. But love never fails; it hides within it the great secret of life and creation.

"Tis something in the dearth of fame,
Though link'd among a fettered race.
To feel at least a patriot's shame.
Even as I sing suffuse my face;
For what is left the poet here?
For Indians a blush—For India a tear.

Rajaji's Revolutionary Role

By J. B .KRIPALANI.

Shri Rajagopalachariya wants Congress-League settlement on the basis of Pakistan to get the British consent to the establishment of a National Government. He is convinced that if the unreasonable demand (he considers it perverse and childish) of Pakistan is conceded the League will join the Congress for the demand of a National Government As soon as this is done, the British Government will yield. Is this view correct? Has it any historical basis? Is it a fact that whenever the Congress and the League have presented a joint demand, the Government has yielded? Not to talk of the Congress and the League, the Government has never yielded even to the united demand of the whole Indian nation. During the Khilafat agitation the Hindus and the Muslims were united on the Khilafat and the independence issues, and yet al that they got was Jallianwala Bagh and general repression. At the Second Round-Table Conference a joint memorandum was was presented for the extension of the scope of the contemplated constitutional changes. It was a conservative document. It had the backing of the delegates of all classes of the Indian population. These delegates had been chosen by the British Government itself. Yet not a single item of the moderate memorandum was incorporated in the 1935 Act. Year after year, the Congress and the League representatives in the Central Assembly have rejected the budget demands. Did the Government ever yield? Did this unanimity prevent the Viceroy from using his powers of certification?

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This is, however, past history. A person eager to form a National Government and join the righteous fray against the invading hordes may forget it. But he can ill afford to forget contemporary events. About the transfer of Defence, Sir Stafford Cripps is reported to have made it clear to the representatives of the different parties, that even if all of them joined in the demand, the British Government would not be in a position to relinquish its historical responsibility for the defence of its precious Indian possession.

However, Muslim League is not the only party with whom an agreement will ensure a National Government. Speaking in August last, Mr. Amery, instead of his usual emphasis on Congress-League unity, as a precondition to political settlement, talked about the "administrative and territorial units" and "the Indian Princes." Whatever may be the meaning of "administrative and territorial units" there is no ambiguity about the words "Indian Princes." Does Rajaji think that if there is a Congress-League settlement, the British Government will not insist on discharging its historical treaty-obligations in perpetuity, to the princely order? These treaty obligations, of course, bind the Princes They never bind the Paramount Power, though they come handy to thwart national aspirations. With his crusading zeal (he has ever been a crusader) Rajaji will allow no obstacle to stand in the way of accomplishing his heart's desire. After successfully tackling the Congress-League tangle, he will advocate a Congress-Princes settlement. Again the basis of the settlement will be the demands of the Princes, however fanciful, puerile or inimical to the national interests they may be. More foolish the demands the more readily must they be conceded for, according to Rajaji, this is the essence of neo-non-violence. The disciple must go one better than the master. Also if the demands are against reason and political justice, they will be readily relinquished by the Princes as soon as they are conceded. Nobody sticks to unreasonable demands.

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Anyway the British Government will insist upon the sanctity of treaty obligations in perpetuity and the Princes will demand a lease in eternity for their benign paternal sovereignty. C.R. will certainly advise the Congress to yield to the Princes also. He may be opposed in this by the Congress but he will have earned the goodwil of the Princes, as he has already earned that of the League, the Khaksars and the Communists. This will be his double triumph. Only thus can a joint demand be presented, a National Government formed, the enemy rupulsed, victory achieved and the world made safe for democracy and a new order. If the Congress resists Rajaji's patriotic and revolutionary advice, he will fight it even as he will fight the Japs; for in opposing Rajaji's plans, is not the Congress proving itself to be as great a menace to Indian freedom as an invading army? (What else do the British say?) Nay, if the Congress does not follow Rajaji's plans it will conclusively prove itself to be moving in old grooves and sacrificing the good of the country for party considerations!

It would appear that when people are illumined by visions of National Government they judge situations not by accepted standards of logic and political morality but by dialectical and revolutionary standards. Principles, ideals and indeologies do not count. At such supreme moments, means are of no consequence. All that counts is the revolutionary end in view.

MAHRATTA N. C. O.'S HEROISM

NEW DELHI, May 19.

A press note says:—

A Mahratta, N. C. O., who, after destroying an enemy aircraft in the Western Desert, arrived back in his lines after four days' wandering without food, has been granted the immediate award of the Indian Distinguished Service medal.

During the fighting round Gazala, towards the end of February this year, No. 7922 Havildar Bapu Jadhao, of the 5th Mahratta Light Infantry, was put in charge of a party ordered to destroy an enemy aircraft. He succeeded in his mission but got separated from his men and lost his way. To avoid being detected in the light of the burning aircraft he had to hide in a nearby nullah.

For three days after leaving this temporary hide-out he trekked his way across the desert before rejoining his lines, having had no food and little water for four days. In the words of his Commanding Officer he displayed courage, endurance and judgment of the highest order.—A. P.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

CHUNGKING, May 18.

The Chinese Expeditionary Force which entered Burma to help the Imperial Forces is not returning to China but will stay in Burma to harass the Japanese as much as possible, says the Chungking newspaper "Takung Pao."

—Reuter

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Speaking at Cuttack, Chaudhry Khaliquzzaman, the Muslim League leader is reported to have said: "By demanding Pakistan we do not want more than our dues. Our demand is that we must have a share of four annas....."

The financial statistician Chaudhry Sahib is a new one on us.

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STUDENT ATTACK 'NEUTRALITY.'

—Anglo-Indian.

headline to the report of the Students' Federation Session at Delhi.

Casualties, we are glad to gather were very light.

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"It would seem " says Reuter's Cairo correspondent, "that, coincident with the air siege of Malta, the rate of supplies of men and material reaching North Africa from Southern Italy, Greece and Crete has been stepped up considerably."

Would it really "seem" so? How very very surprising!

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Discussing at a Press Conference his impressions of his tour of North Africa, General Smuts observed: "The army, as I saw it, is at the top of its form."

Then what is it waiting for?

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The Chairman of the U. S. Senate Defence Investigation Committee announces that military production has reached a point where it no longer need be regarded as No. 1 problem.

Military operation, however, still remains No Super-1 problem.

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Reuter reports that the largest contingent yet of American forces has arrived at —

Eh? Yes, has arrived where it is not needed.

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According to a Stockholm report a Finnish paper, the "Suomen" writes apropos of Norway's National Day, "Warm thoughts of sympathy go from the northern countries to Norway and her noble people on this day."

We are now awaiting another Stockholm message reporting some details of the demise of the late lamented "Suomen."

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Customer (suspiciously): "I see you have placed all the best tomatoes on the top."

Grocer: "Yes, ma'am. We do that to save you the trouble of hunting through the box for them."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Lots of men fall over themselves in trying to get ahead of others.

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When people abuse you, suspect yourself; when they praise you, suspect them.

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If you convince a man against his will, you may have to do it over again the next day.

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When a man begins to lose ground he naturally is dissatisfied with his lot.

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The trouble with a great many men is they never are satisfied with wasting their own time.

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Some men admit that they are self-made, while there are others who blame it on their wives.

LIGHT ON RESHUFFLING OF INDIAN COMMANDS

Army Organised On Field Service Basis Ready To Strike At Shortest Notice

BANGALORE, May 19.

It is officially announced that the Commander of the Southern Army has returned from an inspection tour of the forces under his Command. He also visited the aerodromes and landing grounds. He was greatly pleased at the physical fitness of the men in various units he visited and their excellent morale. He has complete confidence in his army, which is improving in efficiency every day and also growing in numbers.

The significance of the reshuffling of Indian Commands recently announced from New Delhi was explained this evening at a press conference at which Mr. A. K. Ramanathan, Information Minister, Mysore Government, was also present. The change of the Southern Command into the Southern Army with rear and advanced headquarters is, it was explained, of deep significance to the defence of the Peninsula. It should allay any fears that may yet exist about our preparedness against any possible invader. The establishment of operational headquarters has already been completed. This means that the army is now organised on a field service basis ready to strike at the shortest notice.

Staffs are busy studying numerous problems that have arisen. The Command has alternative plans and method to oppose any attempt at landing by the enemy. The Commander knows the number and location of his forces, the greater part of whom are very mobile. For effective working of the war machine, perfect co-ordination among the various branches is essential. General exercises have already been held and continue to be held keeping the troops not only fit and ready to strike, but giving them a thorough knowledge of the country. —A. P.

ALTERNATIVE SCHEME TO PAYING TAX ON SMALL INCOMES

Make A Deposit In Post Office Defence Savings Bank

NEW DELHI, May 19.

The limit of taxable income has been reduced by the Indian Finance Act 1942, to Rs. 1,500 but in the case of small incomes between Rs. 1,500 and Rs. 2,000 an alternative scheme has been designed under which the liability to tax can be discharged by making a deposit in the Indian Post Office Defence Savings Bank. The minimum deposit to be made under the scheme is one rupee for every complete unit of Rs. 25 by which a person's total income exceed Rs. 750.

If however the total income chargeable in the assessment year 1942/43 includes any income from salaries, interest on securities or dividends, no deposit is to be made in respect of such items but only a proportionate deposit in respect of other incomes

Persons desirous of discharging their liability to tax by making the deposit should submit a simple form of return to the income-tax officer together with the certificate of deposit made in the Indian Post Office Defence Savings Bank. This must, however, be done within 60 days of the publication of the general notice, after which the discharging of one's liability by making the deposit is not permissible.

Unless there is reason to believe that the return made is incorrect, it will be accepted without the assessee being required to produce accounts.

Another important feature of the scheme is that the amount deposited thereunder is not liable to attachment under any decree of a court in respect of any debt or liability incurred by the depositor.

Persons wishing to avail themselves of this scheme can get the form of return and any further information from the Income-Tax Officer in whose jurisdiction they are assessable.—A. P.

JAPS' NEXT OBJECTIVE—INDIA OR AUSTRALIA?

(Continued from Page 1)

down the west coast of Australia was allotted to the United States as an American responsibility and the United States has sent large land and airforces to Australia and her fleet operates in those waters. In this defence problem, we must apply commonsense and sound strategy and that dictates that we should send support from where it is most readily available. In Australia, during these last months strength has been steadily piling up and under general MacArthur's leadership, we can be confident, should the Japanese risk an attack on Australia, they will get an extremely warm reception".

TRIBUTE TO RUSSIANS

Turning next to Europe, Mr. Attlee paid a tribute to the Russians and continued, "We are keeping to our promised programme of deliveries to Russia. That is not easy. The sea route 'via' Murmansk is very difficult. It puts a strain on our mercantile marine and our naval forces but we are perfectly certain that we are right at whatever risks to continue to do the utmost to support our Russian Allies. We are helping in another way. We are containing large enemy forces, notably airforces, in Libya and Malta is not only defending herself (cheers) but occupying large numbers of German planes. Our own heavy attacks on Germany, besides doing great material and moral damage also contain a considerable portion of the German airforces. Our daylight sweeps, our commando raids and the threat of other raids keep away forces from the Russian front. I am not going to make any prophecies regarding the socalled Western Front That possibility is in our mind and in the mind of the German High Command".

TRANSPORT PROBLEM

Mr. Attlee emphasised the immense distance between Murmansk and Africa and the Far East, all demanding freighters as well as naval protection and said "sea transport is our constant anxiety. Every move is conditioned by transport problems. With the best will in the world, we cannot always get the forces we want to place we desire and at the time we wish.

Operations In Burma

LONDON, May 19.

Replying to a Commons' question, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, said that the conduct of the operations by the Imperial Forces in Burma was directed by the Commander-in-Chief of India, who in this regard is responsible to the Government in the United Kingdom.

When asked in the Commons whether Mr. Churchill would make a statement shortly regarding Burma, Mr. Clement Attlee declined to reply. Mr. Attlee added that a dispatch from the Commanding Officer would no doubt be received in due course but whether it could be published in wartime it was not yet possible to decide.

MORE LIGHT ON BURMA CAMPAIGN

The Conservative Earl Winterton called attention to the dispatch issued regarding Madagascar and urged that the Commons should have the fullest possible information regarding the Burma Campaign.

Mr. Attlee replied that military operations in Burma were still proceeding and military considerations must have due regard in considering the question of publicity.—Reuter.

ENEMY RAIDERS OVER SOUTH ENGLAND.

LONDON, May 18.

German Air Raiders made three small scale daylight attacks in south-east and southern England during, to-day May 18, two early in the morning and the last during the evening.

The Air Ministry announcing this adds that some damage was caused, two people were killed and there were few other casualties.

Need For New Leadership

M. N. Roy Urges Summoning All-India Convention

DEHRA DUN (By Mail).

Mr. M. N. Roy, the General Secretary of the National Democratic Union has issued the following statement to the Press:—

Sir Stafford Cripps' declaration in the House of Commons, that the offer of a substantial transfer of power to an Indian National Government, with which he came to India, is withdrawn because the Congress leaders refuse to accept it, is an affront to Democracy.

It is an open secret that the Muslim League was prepared to accept the offer. Its negative decision was made at the last moment knowing that the offer would be withdrawn, because of the Congress refusal. There are other popular parties and organisations, which do not approve of the Congress policy. They are anxious to share the responsibility of defending the country. To-day, Hindu opinion is voiced more by the Mahasabha than by the Congress. With reservations about the future Constitution of India, the Mahasabha is prepared to join an Interim National Government. Finally, Congressmen themselves are divided. Therefore, the Delhi resolution of the Congress Working Committee cannot be taken as the opinion of Indian Democracy.

NEGATIVE ATTITUDE

Sir Stafford Cripps came with the mission of winning the co-operation of the Congress leaders. Only that mission has failed. But the greater task of creating conditions favourable for India becoming an unshakable sector of the World War Front still remains to be accomplished. For that purpose, an Interim arrangement as suggested in the Draft Declaration of the British War Cabinet must be made, irrespective of the negative attitude of the Congress. It is not democratic practice to allow a wilful group of politicians to prevent the Indian Democracy from throwing its full weight on the side of world democracy.

The contention of the British Government presumably is that the democratic cause would be prejudiced if the Congress demand was conceded. Otherwise, the Cripps Mission should not have failed. As far as India is concerned, a National Government as conceived by the Congress leaders would have been "dictatorship of the worst sort." That is the opinion of Sir Stafford Cripps. That being the case, the negative attitude of the Congress leaders cannot be a valid ground for withholding the offer of transferring power to Indian Democracy.

Nevertheless, the authorities in this country as well as in Britain are reluctant to move in the right direction. To end this deadlock, Indian Democracy must assert itself vigorously.

As the General Secretary of the National Democratic Union, I made an extensive tour of the country and enlisted the support of an increasingly large volume of public opinion in support of its programme. But there was no response from the side of the Government. Nevertheless, the National Democratic Union remained in existence, waiting for the opportunity to become a decisive factor in the situation. The opportunity has arrived. It is now more than ever necessary for Indian Democracy to stand on a common platform. The National Democratic Union provides that platform. Therefore, the plan of holding an All-India Convention may now be put into practice.

During the last year and a half the danger to India has aggravated, and to-day the responsibility for organising the defence of the country is keenly felt by all Indian patriots, except those few who are blinded by an obsession, or stultified by having all this time pursued a negative policy. Therefore, the country stands in the urgent need of a new leadership which will do something more than quarrel with the British authorities and be resentful because impossible demands are not accepted.

On the other hand, the Government should also play its part. It should be made clear that the Cripps offer stands, and an interim arrangement on that basis will be made with the co-operation of those Indians who have a greater sense of realism and responsibility.

Mervyn Francis Williams Missing?

LONDON, May 19.

The 31-year old wing-commander Mervyn Francis Williams who led "Beauforts" in their torpedo attack against the 'Prinz Eugen' is reported today to be among the missing.—Reuter.

Noted Scientist Dead

BELFAST, May 19.

The famous scientist, Sir Joseph Larmor died to-day.

(Joseph Larmor, was a noted Mathematician formerly a professor in Cambridge University and Examiner in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in the University of London. He was a member of several academies of Arts and Sciences in Europe and America, holding Royal Society's Royal Medal).

In Middle East

AIR BATTLES OVER MALTA

Five Enemy Planes Brought Down: One Italian Bomber Destroyed

CAIRO, May 19.

The R. A. F. Middle East 'communique' issued on Tuesday says: "Enemy camps and motor transport in Cyrenaica were effectively attacked by our fighter aircraft during yesterday. Benghazi harbour was the principal objective for our bomber aircraft during day and night.

Fighters were active over Malta yesterday morning and in the course of combats which developed over the island, our aircraft shot down five "Messerschmitts" 109's were destroyed. During Sunday night, one B 20 Italian bomber was destroyed by night fighters. Four of our aircraft are missing. The crew of one of our bombers lost on Saturday night have now reached safely".—Reuter.

SURPRISE A. R. P. ALARM IN CITY

Office Going People Crowd Hotels During Exercise

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

There was an air-raid practice of an unusual kind in the city this morning.

An "incident" was staged near Crawford Market during an A.R.P. practice test.

When the siren wailed at 10-3 a. m., all vehicular traffic came to a halt. Perhaps for the first time, office employees enjoyed about half an hour's enforced "off".

The market incident was got up, when an "incendiary bomb was dropped."

The roadway was "destroyed" for a distance of 50 yards. The overhead tramway wires came down, the damage covering 100 yards. There was also trouble in underground electric cables.

The "incident" was adequately death with by the sectional services.

The Governor of Bombay toured the area during the raid and surveyed the scene of the union. He saw debris being cleared up.

There was also a practice demonstration at the docks.

It was explained in authoritative quarters that the main object of the exercise was to practice the use of the incident officers and send A. R. P. damage reports to the A. R. P. combined depot and report centres. It was also the purpose of the authorities to train the public to take cover.

The all-clear was sounded at 10-28 a. m.

Jeered At A. R. P. Wardens

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A. K. Highclass, a cloth merchant and Ismail Adamji were ordered to pay a fine of Rs. 10/- each by the Chief Presidency Magistrate for disobeying the orders of an A.R.P. Warden to take shelter during to-day's air-raid exercise.

An A.R.P Warden, stated that the accused were seen standing on the steps outside the shop of the first accused near the Capitol Cinema.

They were asked by the A.R.P. Warden to go inside but they refused to move on and jeered at the A.R.P. Wardens. The police were then informed and the accused were arrested.

The accused pleaded guilty.

Himmler In Holland

LONDON May 19.

Himmler the Chief of the Gestapo has arrived in Holland, according to the German-controlled Dutch wireless.—Reuter

Derailment In B. & A. Railway

Removal Of Fish Plates Alleged

CALCUTTA, May 19.

The driver and fireman of a Passenger Train were injured in derailment of the train which occurred last night, while it was running between Dignagar and Krishnagar City Station on the Bengal and Assam Railway. The cause of derailment is attributed to the removal of fish plates by unknown persons.

The Transportation Superintendent, B. and A Railway, Board Gauge, at Sealdah, states:—

At approximately 19.28 hours on 18/5/42, the engine of 295 Up Passenger and one third luggage and brake van were derailed and capsized, and a third class carriage was also derailed, at mile 8/9-10 between Dignagar and Krishnagar City on the Santipur-Nabadwip section of the Railway, due to the removal of fish plates by some unknown persons.

There was no injury to any passenger, only the driver and fireman were injured. The passengers were transhipped at the site.

The matter is under enquiry.—United Press.

AMERICAN CREW'S APPEAL TO INDIA

Line Up With Peoples Of World Against Fascist Aggression

KARACHI, May 19.

An appeal to the people of India to resist Fascist aggression which threatens to enslave all who may come under its rule, is issued by 400 crew of an American ship now in port somewhere in India.

The appeal reads: "We, 400 crew members of an American Merchantship now in port in India, wish to take this opportunity to appeal to the peoples of India on behalf of the interests of the freedom of the World to join in the struggle against Fascist aggression which threatens to enslave all who may come under its rule. Action is essential as this beast is at the very door of India. Unity of action is the key to smashing the aggression of Fascism. Fascism must be destroyed now. In the course of travels as seamen, we found great sympathy between the peoples of the World for the peoples of India in their struggle for freedom. They realise the immediate danger of an Axis invasion. We feel that the eyes of the World are watching the peoples of India to follow the example set by the heroic peoples of China in fighting Fascist aggression. We extend our best wishes for a joint effort among all peoples of the World towards achieving the final victory over Fascist aggression and barbarism".—A. P.

VALLABHBHAI PATEL FOR BARDOLI

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel left Bombay for Bardoli on Monday night. He is expected to stay at Bardoli for a fortnight.

JINNAH LEAVES FOR BOMBAY.

NEW DELHI, May 19.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League accompanied by his sister left for Bombay by the Frontier Mail this morning.

On Sunday last the Chinese Commissioner, Mr. Shen Shu Hua called on Mr. Jinnah and had over an hour's talks with him and discussed questions of common interest.—A. P.

CALICUT, May 19:—The Calicut Municipal Council has resolved to present a Civic Address to Mr. C. Rajagopalachari during his ensuing visit to this town.—A. P.

FACILITIES FOR INDIAN EVACUEES FROM BURMA

Commerce Chambers Federation Forms Committee And Calls For Registration Of Claims

BOMBAY, May 19.

The Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry have constituted an Indian Evacuees Relief Committee with Mr. G. D. Birla as Chairman and the following gentlemen as members: Mr. Virji Dahya, President of the Burma Indian Chamber of Commerce, Rangoon, Mr. A. M. M. Vellyan Chettiar, President of the Nattu Kóttai Chettiars' Association, Rangoon, Sirdar Bahadur R. S. Dougal, President of the Burma Indian Association, Rangoon, Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Sir Shri Ram, Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai, Mr. M. A. Master and Mr. G. L. Mehta and Kumararajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, ex-Officio Members.

The Committee will deal with questions relating to Indians and Indian merchants evacuated from Burma, Malaya, Singapore and other Far Eastern countries.

PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEE

The Committee has been set up in response to a plan evolved by Sardar Bahadur R. S. Dougal and Mr. Dadachanji, President and Secretary, respectively, of the Burma Indian Association, who sometime in April last approached several prominent Indians for the formation of a central organisation in Delhi to look after Indian evacuees. The Committee, as now constituted by the Federation, has on it the President of the Burma Indian Chamber of Commerce, Nattu Kottai Chettiars' Association and the Burma Indian Association, and would work in full co-operation with other Provincial bodies as the Central Organisation for dealing with all matters connected with this question.

The first meeting of the Committee was held on Monday, the 18th May, 1942 under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. D. Birla and was attended by the Presidents of the three Indian organisations in Burma and the following gentlemen:

Mr. G. L. Mehta (President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry), Mr. Shantikumar N. Morarji, Mr. D. P. Khaitan and Mr. Dadachanji (Secretary, Burma Indian Association).

OFFICE AT NEW DELHI

The Committee chalked out their plan of work and decided to establish their office at 28, Ferozshah Road, New Delhi. They will take up immediately the work of registering the claims of Indian merchants with regard to loss of their property covered under the Burma War Risk Insurance scheme as also with regard to supplies made to Civil and Military Departments of the Government of Burma. They also intend to open an Information Bureau for the purpose of eliciting information regarding those Indians who have remained behind in Japanese occupied territories and whose whereabouts are not yet known to their relatives in India.

An important item of work which they also intend to undertake is with regard to the employment of those Indians who have returned to India and who may find themselves without any means of livelihood or employment in this country. The Committee expect that through the 75 Chambers of Commerce and Commercial Associations affiliated to the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and their constituent members, such as big commercial houses and industrial concern, it may be possible to render some useful help to those unfortunate Indian evacuees who are at present in India.

The Committee will also tackle questions relating to payment of Provident Funds, Gratuity, Pensions or salaries of employees of Government and semi-Government institutions in Burma and grant all suitable facilities for the education of their children in Indian education institutions.

SUGAR PRICE CONTROL

Incidental Charges May Be Added To Ex-Factory Price

NEW DELHI, May 19.

A Gazette of India Extraordinary published to-day states that the Sugar Controller for India has authorised the price controllers in the provinces of Bengal, Bombay, Madras, the United Provinces, the Punjab, the Central Provinces and Berar, Bihar, Orissa, Sind, Assam and the North West Frontier Province to exercise, within their respective provinces, the powers of approving the incidental charges to be added to the ex-factory price of sugar sold by a producer for delivery otherwise than ex-factory, subject to a maximum of:

(I) Eight annas per maund where the sugar is sold wholesale;

(II) One rupee per maund where the sugar is sold by retail, irrespective of the number of transactions or the hand through which the sugar has passed.—A.P.

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INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, May 19

There was an expansion of activity on the market to-day and with widening buying interest, prices were inclined to move up. Tata Deferreds opened higher at 1325 and were led up to 1360. Tata Ordinaries similarly went ahead to 272. Textiles also showed an advacne with Bombay Dyeings being quoted at 1095. Indian Irons were better off at 23 4. Bengal Steels improved to 14-4.

The following were the important quotation on the Exchange, to-day :—

Tata Deferreds (1315) 1325 1345 1340 1360
Tata Ordinaries (256) 262 263 262 272
Tata Ordinary 272; Tata Deferred 1360; Indian Iron 23/4; Steel Corpn of Bengal 14/4; Bombay Dyeing 1095; Central India 335; Century 390; Gokak 243/12; Kohinoor 433/8; Simplex 195; Andhra Valley 1485; Tata Hydro 160, Tata Power 1380; Associated Cement 161/8; Belapur 238/12; Bombay Burma (old) 206/4.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, May 19

Yarn No. 6 1/2s June 190 August 192
Yarn No. 10 1/2s June 210 August 212
Yarn No. 20 1/2s June 307 August 310
Yarn No. 40s June 445 August 445
Quotations for 6 1/2s, 10 1/2s and 40s are nominal.

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, May 19

Copper sheets lb. 2½ Rs. 130 28 115 35 113 62 110 49-56 119
Brass sheets Flag Brand lb 20-21 Rs 108 84 103 28 102 35 97 42 91 49-56 89 to 92.
Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 76; Rosita Rs. 74; Country make Rs. 56; Pigiead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 30/8 per cwt.
Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 107 per qr.

SETTLEMENT RATES

Copper sheets Ashad Rs. 123/14
Market tone :—Firm.

LONDON PRODUCE

London, May 18.

Rosario Santa Fe May/June quoted ... 24/9
Barletta Russo May/June quoted ... 42/9
Australian Wheat May/June quoted ... 28

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, May 18.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent ... £61 1/2
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later ... £101 3/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent ... £82 13/16
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961 £106 15/16
War loan 3 1/2 per cent ... £104 3/4
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90 £114 9/16
Victory bonds 4 per cent ... £114
Chartered Bank of I A and China £6 5/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg) ... £56 1/2
National Bank of India ... £26

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COTTON

JULY

New York, May 19.

Previous closing ... 19.32
To-day's opening ... 19.31
Difference ... —01
To-day's closing ... not received

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, May 19.

Following are the New York opening ranges :—

July (19.45/45) 19.32/31
October (19.71/68) 19.62/59
December (19.79/79) 19.62/62

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, May 19.

SEEDS

Castorseeds Bombay May/June (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers
Linseed Calcutta May/June (unquoted) unquoted
Linseed La Plata May/June (£20 1/2 quoted) £20 1/2 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal May/June (East Coast India shipment not quoted West Coast India shipment (£20 7/8 sellers) £20 7/8 sellers

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh) 131 sh

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES

T T NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, May 19.

Previous closing ... 4.03 3/4
To-day's opening ... 4.03 3/4

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, May 19.

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers

LONDON BULLION

London, May 19.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER

London, May 19.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
5 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, May 19.

The New York Stock Exchange opening prices :—

General Motors (dol 34 7/8) dol 34 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 23 5/8) dol 23 1/2
United States Steel Commons (dol 46 5/8) dol 45 7/8 Ex Div
United States Steel Preference (unquoted) unquoted

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, May 19.

The Stock Exchange was steady

3½ PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London, May 19.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 3/8

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

London, May 19.

5 per cent 1958/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 13/16
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 13/16
2 per cent Conversion Loan £100
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 13/16
3 per cent War Loan £101 3/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds £114 1/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 17-3
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 34-9
Electric Music Industry 14-6
Princhin Johnson 22-4 1/2
Imperial Chemical 33-7 1/2
Woolsworth Ordinary 52-4 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £77
Dundee 26-4 1/2
Unilever Ordinary 25-3
Ford Motors 24-9
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £58
British American Tobacco Ordinary £3 7/8
Carreas A' £5 3/16
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 5/32
P and O Defd 27-9
Distillers 75-3
Bredfords Dyes 7-4 1/2
British Celanese 8-0
J and P Coates 33-10 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 33-6
Fine Cotton Spinners 8-1 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-9
Inter Nickel dol 38 3/4
Indian Iron 35-0

TEA SHARES

Assam 11-10 1/2
Donaro Tea 21-3
Empire of India 12-6

JUTE

Barnagore £5

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 9-3
Gula Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv Trust 12-6

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 13-9
Burma Corporation 3-4 1/2
Rio Tintos £7 3/4
East Rand Properties £1 27/32
Rand Mines £6 5/16

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 3/8
Associated Portland Cement 46-10 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold 67-6
Sub-Nigel £6
Spring Mines Split Share £ 1 1/32
Union Corporation 132 6

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 36-3
Anglo-India 45-9
Burma Oil £1 23/32
Mexican Eagle 10-9
Shell Transport £2 5/16
Royal Dutch £16-0

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £43
London Midland Ordinary £19 1/8
London North Eastern Defd £1 5/8
London Southern Defd £15 1/8
London Transport 5 per cent £130
London Transport 'C' £40 1/2

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, May 18

Broach April/May highest 177 1/2 lowest 176 closing 177
Broach July/August highest 187 lowest 183 1/2 closing 185 1/2
Oomra May highest 160 1/2 lowest 158 1/2 closing 158 1/2
Oomra July highest 167 1/2 lowest 164 closing 167
Bengal May highest 143 1/2 lowest 142 closing 142
Bengal July highest 146 lowest 144 closing 144

ON THE AIR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Delhi I—Programme.

338.6 metres (886 kc/s).

4 p.m. For troops in Burma. 5 Gauhar Sultan. 5-20 Anwarbai. 5-35 Vilayat Husain. 6-25 For women. 7 Gauhar Sultan 7-15 Abdush Shakur. 7-30 The Chinese Scene. 6. 7-45 Anwarbai. 8 Parmanand. 8-15 For villagers only. 9-30 B B C News relay 9-45 Listening post. 9-50 Vilayat Husain. 10 Anwarbai 10-15 Nasir Moinuddin 10-30 Kafi aur geet

Bombay I—Programme.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Mohammad Khan 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English 8-10 Sundrabai. 8-25 Mammu Khan 8-35 Sumati Parmekar 8-50 News in Marathi 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Ratnakant Ramnathker 12-30 p.m. Bhavgeets. 12-57 News in Hindustani 1 Light selection. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 2 To-morrow 5-5 R. G. Joshi 5-25 S. D. Borker. 5-30 Sumati Parmekar 5-40 News in Marathi 5-45 News in Gujarati 5-50 Tulsidas Bhajan. 6 News in English 6-10 Counter-attack 6-15 News in Hindustani. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 S. D. Borker. 6-40 Sundrabai. 7 Martial element in Hindi poetry. 2. 7-15 Sumati Parmekar. 7-30 Ghzal and geet. 7-45 News commentary 7-50 Mohammad Khan 8-10 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati 8-30 The voice of America. 8-45 War review. 6 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English 9-30 B B C News relay 9-45 Listening post. 9-50 War review. 10 Mohammad Khan. 10-20 Ratnakant Ramnathker

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 R. G Joshi. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Instrumental duet. 9 Ghazal. 9-10 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

5 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 8-10 As in Bombay 1. 8-10 R. G. Joshi 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1 9 Air Orchestra. 9-10 Sundrabai. 9-30 Three songs 9-40 Sir Thomas Beecham and the London Philharmonic Orchestra. 10 Chamber music

Sales Of Treasury Bills

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday the 19th May 1942. Total amount offered was Rs. 3,28,25,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-11-3 and above were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-11-0 allotted approximately 53 per cent. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. 2,00,00,000. the average rate of accepted tenders being Rs. 1-3-8 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 26th May 1942 in Bombay up to 11 a.m. (Standard Time) and up to the close of business on Monday the 25th May 1942 at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 29th May 1942. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 15th May 1942, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 6,46,00,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

Three months' Intermediates will be sold from 20th May 1942 to 25th May 1942 at Rs. 99-11-3 subject to the conditions previously announced (viz sales can be stopped at any time without previous notice if Government think it necessary.)

Three months' Intermediates sold from 13th May 1942 to 18th May 1942 amounted to Rs. 2,73,00,000.

Calcutta Share Bazar

CALCUTTA, May 19.

The Stock Exchange continued quiet but steady and business during the day was nothing but on a very limited scale. Government securities were unchanged.

Following are final transactions up to 1 p.m. :—

Government securities : 3 per cent Government Paper 77/2 small lot; 3 per cent Defence loan (1949/52) 96/14; 3 1/2 per cent Government Paper 90/10; 4 per cent loan (1960/70) 104/2 small lot; 5 per cent loan (1945/55) 106/10.

Bank : Reserve Bank 96.

Cotton : New Victoria (ord) 5/4.

Jutes : Anglo-India (pref) 130 Ex Div. Budge Budge (pref) 132; Khardah (pref) 118 Ex Div small lot; Standard 204 small lot; (pref) 110.

Miscellaneous : Indian Copper 1/11; Dalmia Cement (pref) 114/8 small lot; Indian Iron and Steel 23/4; Steel Corpn. ord 14/2; Orient Paper (ord) 15/10 c t Shree Gopal Paper 15/8.

Sugar Share : Cawnpore 26/2.

Tea share : Dauracherra 14

Colombo Share Market

COLOMBO, May 19.

Rubber sheet 71, Crepe 72 1/4; yesterday's closing same
Copra 59.00
Coconut oil white per cwt. (naked) 21.00.

SHARE MARKET.

Estates Company of Uva 12; Fairlawn 15; Robgil tea 10; Roeberry tea 19; Saint James Uva tea 15; Uplands tea 8 3/4; Golinda tea rubber 5 1/2; Kuttapitiya tea rubber 7 1/2; Macaldeniya tea rubber 6 1/2; Mocha tea 16; North-western 8 1/2; Onagalla tea rubber 5 3/4; Poonagalla Valley tea rubber 12; A Saffragam rubber tea 95; Ruanwella tea 10; Dehiowita rubber 90; Commercial companies.

Brown company 4 1/2; cumdividndam.—A. P.

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*Electric Supply for April 1941 Rs. 7,51,274; up to the end of April 1942 Rs. 29,99,268

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Increase over same period last year Rs. 5,80,783.

*Exclusive of supply to Tramways.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

Poona, May 19

The following are the maximum and minimum temperature up to 8 a.m. on Tuesday :—

Calcutta 108 85; Cuttack 107 83; Ranchi 104 84; Patna 110 92; Lucknow 106 90; Delhi 103 85; Lahore 104 78; Srinagar 77 56; Peshawar 98 71; Karachi 90 82; Nagpur 108 89; Kodaikanal nil; Bombay 93 81; Poona 97 70; Hyderabad (Dn.) 106 84; Bangalore 93 7; Madras 97 85; Shillong nil; Darjeeling 67 58; Mussoorie 79 65; Simla 74 52; Pachmarhi 94 77; Mahableshwar 83 66; Ootacamund 73 51.—A.P.

RESERVATION OF APPOINTMENTS

(From Our Correspondent)

Junagadh, May 19

By a Press Communique issued by Namdar Dewan Saheb of Junagadh it has been notified for the information of the general public that with a view to ensure that the services of all the State subjects who desire to assist in the prosecution of the War should be utilized to the fullest extent, it has been ordered to leave 50 per cent of the annual vacancies occuring in all the State Departments unfilled with a view to their being made available after the War for the suitable candidates with War services. The vacancies thus reserved will be filled immediately after the War by suitable candidates who might have approved War services.

Sahni In Witness Box

Case Against Editor Of The 'Tej'

NEW DELHI, May 19.

Mr. Chand Narain, Special Magistrate of Lahore, held his court in Delhi to-day when two defence witnesses were examined in the case against Mr. Ram Lal Verma, Editor of the "Tej", an Urdu daily, under section 38 of the Defence of India Rules for the publication of an alleged false piece of news.

Mr. J. N. Sahni, Editor of the "National Call", in his evidence said that he is the convenor of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, a member of the Provincial Press Advisory Committee and also a member of the Standing Press Advisory Committee.

Mr. Sahni said that he had known Mr. Ram Lal Verma for a long time. He used to read the "Tej" every day in addition to other vernacular papers.

Cross-examined Mr. Sahni said that being a newspaper editor, he always ensured that any unconfirmed news was not published.

Mr. A. Isar, the second witness, stated that he had been a Special Press Adviser in the Delhi province from 5th December 1940. He knew that the "Tej" was conducted under responsible supervision and during his period, he never gave any warning to that paper.

Witness added that he knew Mr. Ram Lal Verma.

In his cross-examination Mr. Isar said that his special press staff never brought to his notice the objectionable news item in question. As a Press Adviser, Mr. Isar said, it was his duty to see that no newspaper contravened the Defence of India Rules. The Punjab Government also, said the witness, never drew his attention to that piece of news.

Further hearing of the case will be held in Lahore on the 25th May.—A. P.

BENGAL'S CHILDREN EVACUEES TO BE HOUSED

U. P. Congress Committee Makes Arrangements For Accommodation

LUCKNOW, May 18.

Arrangements are being made by the United Provinces Provincial Congress Committee for housing children evacuated from Bengal.

A meeting of the special subcommittee appointed by the P. C. C. was held to-day, but no definite decision was taken in view of the fact that instructions have not yet been received from the Congress President in connection with th details of the arrangements.

It is understood, correspondence is proceeding between Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, and the Bengal Government on this subject.

However the sub-committee of the U. P. P. C. C. is going to make certain preliminary arrangements and in this connection has authorised the Secretary of the Provincial Congress Committee to carry on correspondence with such Congressmen and other public men of such districts where housing accommodation can readily be arranged. Besides this other information is also being collected.

At this evening's meeting, the Sub-Committee, also considered many other items of the current emergency programme of the U. P. P. C. C. and instructions are being issued to subordinate committees accordingly.—A. P.

ACUTE FAMINE IN NASIK DISTRICT

Sjt. Deo's Appeal For Funds For Relief Work

POONA, May 19.

Mr. Shanker Rao Deo, Member of the Congress Working Committee who had been on a tour of the Nasik District recently has to-day issued an appeal to the public of Maharashtra to contribute liberally for the famine relief work in Taluka Peth, Nasik District, where, he says, the condition of the ryots is very acute.

A committee to carry out famine relief work in this district has also been formed under the Presidentship of Mr. K. H. Gadre, a leading Congress worker.—A. P.

COTTON PARITY

Broach July/August below New York July 1,223 cent points at exchange 331

JAPANESE WAY OF CONQUEST

They Not Only Rule But Deprive People Of Their Means Of Livelihood

CALCUTTA, May 19.

"Apart from the ways and means that the Chinese and the Allied Nations have developed for retaining the morale of the people both at the front and in the rear, the Japanese have themselves given us two most powerful forces which have helped us to consolidate our national resistance".

Thus observed Mr. George Yeh, the London Director of the Chinese Ministry of Information, when interviewed on the eve of his departure for London from here.

Elucidating the two powerful forces, Mr. Yeh said that one of these was the fact that whenever the Japanese had occupied a place, they not only took control of the political and military organisations of that area, but allowed hordes of their own people to swarm in it in order to take over all possible occupations from the local inhabitants.

He added: "In other words, the Japanese in their newly occupied territories not only become the ruling class, but are also found to be hankering for more subsistence in various walks of life, such as barbers, bath-house keepers, hawkers, pedlars and drug-dealers. It meant that the livelihood of the inhabitants of these occupied territories was completely endangered. This is what had happened in Peking and other places which the Japanese had occupied".

Dr. Yeh characterised the Japanese Army as well as the ruling class as profiteers. Once they were in an area, there was very little commercial enterprise left in it, and the little that was left was evidently in their hands. They controlled the prices and the production of war materials. They did this not only under orders from Tokyo, but often on their own individual initiative for personal gain.—A. P.

10,000 Evacuees From Burma

SILCHAR (Cachar), May 19.

Upto to-day about ten thousand evacuees from Burma, including very few women and children, have arrived here. Most of them are non-Bengalis. They have been brought here by special steamers chartered by the authorities and as they arrive, they are repatriated to their respective destinations by special trains at the cost of the Government.—A. P.

Recruitment Of Women Medicos To I.M.S.

NEW DELHI, May 19.

In a Press communique dated January 13, 1942, the Government of India announced their decision to recruit to the Indian Medical Service, for the duration of the present emergency, a number of women medical graduates having exprience in diseases of ear, nose and throat, radiology, pathology, ophthalmology or anaesthetics.

The Government are now pleased to announce their decision to dispense with the condition requiring experience in these special subjects Women medical graduates, therefore, whether or not they have experience in any of these subjects, are now eligible for employment in the Indian Medical Service.—A. P.

W. I. Championship

W. I. A. A. STAFF BEAT TATA SPORTS

In the Western India Football Championship Tournaments, W. I. A. A. Staff defeated Tata Sports Club by two goals to nil on Tuesday evening at the Cooperage.

Both the goals were scored in the second half.

Referee : J A Scott.

TO-DAY'S GAME

5-50 p. m. Bombay City Police vs. Apollo Rainbow.

Extra Races At Ootacamund

OOTACAMUND, May 19.

It is announced to-day that there will be three more extra days races besides the two extra meetings already announced, bringing the total number of extra race meetings at Ootacamund this year to five.

The dates for the extra meetings are 23/5 27/5 30/5 3/6 and 6/6.—A. P.

LAHORE, May 19.—A police party raided this afternoon a local press and are alleged to have recovered a machine for manufacturing forged currency notes.

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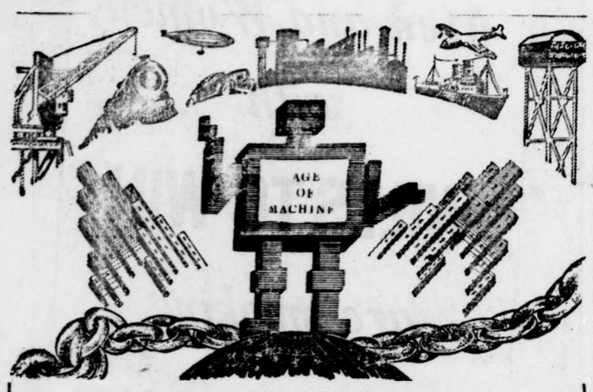

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PERSISTENT LIQUIDATION IN N. Y. COTTON MARKET

CONFUSED STATUS OF FARM LEGISLATION

Bombay, May 19

On Monday, the New York cotton market was weak on increased selling. There was persistent long liquidation, local and New Orleans selling on the confused status of Farm Legislation and indications of growing administration strength over control of agricultural surpluses disclosed indifferent demand.

The market opened at a decline of 3 points with July quoted at 19.45 which was the highest level for the day. Later on there was increased selling and July declined to 19.32 which was the lowest level for the day. The market closed at a net decline of 16 to 21 points. Spot cotton prices were reduced 16 points at 20.38c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also easy on increased selling and closed at a decline of 18 to 25 points. Spot cotton prices closed 18 points lower at 19.72c per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

Cotton releases are rapidly making inroads into Government's stocks of which during 1942 about 1,400,000 bales were sold mainly for domestic purposes and further one million were earmarked for lend-lease, while farmers repossessed 850,000 of 1941 crop loan cotton leaving about 1,300,000 in the loan.

The new crop appears to be making a fair start but complaints of labour scarcity are increasing as ever more men are being drafted into armed forces or entering war industries.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co. state:—On Monday, cotton opened somewhat easier but soon recovered on profesional support. The market closed at 3-30 p.m. The Ready market reported tapering off in demand and buyers pausing. According to press reports, yesterday, there was a E. I. C. A. Board meeting to approve the new hedge contract. The scheme has been generally approved on principle but certain amendments thereto proposed in the provision of the contract will be reconsidered while framing the bye-laws in the next meeting of the general body.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York July highest (10 a.m.)	19.45—03
New York July lowest (2-47 p.m.)	19.32—16

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foeign friends:—
New York: Continued long liquidation and local selling on uncertainties regarding farm legislation. Market quiet.
Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co. have received the following cable from New York: "Cotton despite farm bloc opposition President's proposed reduction ceiling think freezing of goods prices likely prevent further important upturn."

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, May 18

July	19.32—16
October	19.53—21
December	19.55—20
January	19.70—19
March	19.81—20
May	19.90—21
Middling Spot	20.68—1b

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, May 18

July	19.32—18
October	19.72—27
December	19.83—16
January	19.85—26
March	19.99—25
May	20.10—26
Middling Spot	19.72—18

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL
New York, May 18

July	19.37
October	19.60
December	19.71

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, May 19

Following a decline of 16 points in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 184 for Broach J/A delivery but the market opened firm at Rs. 187/8 on active professional buying. There was general buying and in the absence of offerings prices advanced to Rs. 189/4 and undertone was good. Indian cotton prices being unduly low are attracting speculative support.

Prices after advancing to Rs. 189/12 reacted to Rs. 188 and finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

BROACH April/May	.....	Rs. 179	8 0
BROACH July/August	.....	187	8 0
OOMRA May	.....	158	8 0
OOMRA July	.....	167	8 0
BENGAL May	.....		
BENGAL July	.....	146	8 0

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, May 19

	Extra Sprine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P		151	148	145	142
M G Punjab		151	148	145	142
M G Rajputana		157	154	151	148
M G Oomra No. 3	169	166	163	160	
M G C P No. 1	197	194	191	188	
M G C P No. 2	181	178	175	172	
M G Broach No. 2		188	185	182	179
M G Punjab-American		258	255	252	249
M G Surat		333	330	327	324
M G Rajpipla		328	325	322	319
M G Navsari		338	335	332	329

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, May 19

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY Since 1st Sept.
In full-pressed bales.

	2 days	This year	Last year
Khandesh	311	77,710	97,964
Central India	.....	29,990	136,453
Barsi and Nagar	.....	53,090	111,297
Hyderabad/Gaorani	.....	16,804	43,177
Berar	561	177,177	360,952
Central Provinces	571	87 465	75,624
Total Oomras	1,443	442,226	825,467
Dholeras	.....	30,899	85,213
N W Provinces	.....	1,425	1,306
Rajputana	.....	402	5,456
Sind-Punjab	77	405,230	507,865
Broach	664	315,468	247,204
Coompta and Dharwar	.....	17,062	86,655
Westerns-Northerns	.....	13,153	76,093
Cocoanada	.....	239	2,667
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	.....	12,251	2,667
Arrived by road to 14th May 1942	.....	92,500	293,133

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, May 19

	Old.	Ready
Bengal Fine	134-37	149/51
Berar	145-48	163/65
C. P. 1	150-53	185/88
C. P. 2	146-46	172/75
Khandesh	95-105	145/50
Mugtai	112-15	150/55
Broach	110-15	182/84
Broach Low	95-100	.....

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay, May 19

Linseed May	.....	9	14 9
Linseed September	.....	7	9 9
Wheat May	.....	8	6 9
Wheat September	.....	6	4 9

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Firmer Tendency With Increased Demand

Bombay, May 19

The local share bazar was firm to-day with hardening tendency. As pointed out before the market is showing increased confidence and investment demand is broadening. The Industrial outlook is encouraging and present quotations being under dividend prospects, naturally there continues scarcity of offerings.

Tata Steel Defds were quoted at Rs. 1340 and Ordinary shares came in business at Rs. 262. Cotton Mill shares displayed firmer tendency. E D. Sassoons were placed at Rs. 2/12 and Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 1085. Kohinoors were in demand at Rs. 437. The improvement was of a general character.

On Monday, Wall Street was generally leaning upward with selected stocks moderately higher but numerous leaders declined Reports of further Russian successes were offset by cloudy tax news together with the report that dividend earnings casualties are likely to broaden. Dealings were exceptionally sluggish. U. S. Steel shares were unchanged at 46 5/8. Anaconda Copper Mining shares were 1/4 down at 23 1/2 and General Motors closed unchanged at 34 5/8 dollars.

TEXTILES

Bombay, May 19

100 Ahmedabad Advance	.....	310 0
250 BOMBAY DYEING	.....	1110 0
100 CENTURY	.....	388 0
100 CENTRAL INDIA	.....	338 0
100 Colaba	.....	167 0
100 Coorla	.....	117 8
250 Dawn	.....	675 0
250 Dawid	.....	300 0
1 E. D. Sassoon Defd.	.....	2 12
100 FINLAY	.....	187 0
100 GOKAK	.....	244 0
1000 Hindustan	.....	2300 0
100 Indore	.....	301 4
100 Khatau	.....	240 0
100 KOHINOOR X.D.	.....	443 0
250 LAXMI	.....	730 0
100 Madhusudan	.....	320 0
100 MORARJI	.....	477 8
250 Model X. D	.....	211 14
50 MYSORE	.....	131 4
200 NEW GREAT X. D.	.....	249 0
100 Poda X. D.	.....	181 4
100 Phoenix	.....	385 0
25 Sassoon Silk X. D.	.....	80 0
1000 Sholapur	.....	5610 0
50 SIMPLEX	.....	195 0
100 SWADESHI X.D.	.....	392 0
100 SWAN X.D.	.....	180 0
500 Vishnu X.D.	.....	1525 0
1000 Western	.....	1580 0
BANKS		
50-100 Baroda X. D.	.....	107 0
25-50 Central India X.D.	.....	44 4
500 Imperial	.....	1540 0
125-50 Imp. Cont.	.....	367 8
50-100 India X.D.	.....	138 4
100 RESERVE BANK	.....	101 0
5 Union X D	.....	6 2
CEMENTS		
100 ASSOCIATED X.D.	.....	160 0
INSURANCE		
15-75 New India	.....	45 6
100 Empire	.....	700 0
15-100 Jupiter	.....	13 0
20 Mercantile	.....	60 0
200 Oriental	.....	3515 0
10-50 Vulcan	.....	9 12
ELECTRIC		
100 Ahmedabad Old X. D	.....	175 0
1000 ANDHRA VALLEY	.....	1505 0
10 Ajmer	.....	13 6
50 BOMBAY TRAMS	.....	129 0
100 Bombay Suburban	.....	162 8
10 Broach	.....	14 0
100 Karachi	.....	187 8
100 Poona X D	.....	215 0
100 Surat	.....	182 8
100 TATA HYDRO	.....	161 0
1000 TATA POWER	.....	1400 0
RAILWAYS		
500 Ahmedabad Prantij X. D.	.....	882 8
100 C. Province	.....	105 12
100 Dhond Baramati	.....	104 4
100 Gujarat	.....	103 0
100 Mandra Bhon	.....	101 0
100 Pachora Jamner	.....	94 8
100 Sara Sirajganj	.....	96 0
MININGS		
9 Burma Corporation	.....	1 10
2sh. Indian Copper	.....	14
15 Indian Iron and Steel X.D.	.....	23 4
10 SHIVRAJPUR	.....	31 8
10 Mukund Iron	.....	13 15
30 TATA STEEL DEFD	.....	1370 0
75 TATA STEEL ORD	.....	272 0
10 Steel Corporation	.....	14 4
MISCELLANEOUS		
100 ALCOCK	.....	445 0
10 Air Services	.....	3 0
50 BELAPUR SUGAR	.....	235 0
200 Bombay Safe Deposit	.....	650 0
250 BOMBAY STEAM	.....	325 0
125 B. BURMA	.....	205 0
50 Contributory	.....	67 8
8sh. Br. B. Petrol	.....	1 5
100 IND. BLEACHING	.....	158 0
50 Ind. Invest Trust X.D.	.....	44 8
100 Indian Radio Def	.....	360 0
100 Indian Radio Ord.	.....	342 8
100 Port Canning	.....	79 4
30 PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	.....	112 0
15 Scindia	.....	18 6
25 Tata Oil	.....	48 8
24 Tata Chemical	.....	16 4
100 Wimco X. D.	.....	216 4
PREFERENCE		
7 per cent Vishnu	.....	715 0
7 per cent Andhra Valley	.....	1502 0
6 per cent Bom. Steam	.....	317 8
7 per cent Bombay Tram (T.F.) X.D	.....	76 0
5 per cent Central India (T.F.)	.....	675 0
6 1/4 per cent Premier Const 1st X.D	.....	118 0
6 1/4 per cent Premier Cons 2nd X.D	.....	109 0
7 per cent Tata Hydro	.....	142 0
7 1/2 per cent Tata Power X.D.	.....	1545 0
6 per cent Tata Steel 1st	.....	120 0
7 1/2 per cent Tata Steel 2nd	.....	121 8
DEBENTURES		
4 per cent Andhra Valley Deb.	.....	100 4
4 per cent Bombay Telephone	.....	48 0
5 per cent Morarji	.....	102 8
4 per cent Tata Power Deb.	.....	105 8
5 per cent Sholapur	.....	71 8

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, May 18.

T. T. London on:—
New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 40.3 voluntary rate 46.50
Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, May 19

Yesterday, London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York

London spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d There was moderate trade demand which was satisfied officially. New York Spot silver was also unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay Spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62-10-3 The local market was easy on increased selling in gold while silver was quiet with a moderate business. Quotations were as under:—

GOLD

Ready	..... Rs.	48 12	0
1st Jeth	.....	48 8	0
Sovereigns	.....	37 4	0

SILVER

Ready	.....	82 4	0
1st Jeth	.....	79 0	0

LONDON SILVER
London, May 18.

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD
London, May 18.

Gold Bars Fine per oz	£8-8-0

SETTLEMENT RATES.
The Governing Body of the Bombay Stock Exchange has reduced 5 per cent in forward quotations for carryover from June to July settlement
Jobbing in cash shares is now allowed.

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, May 19

2 3/4 per cent 1949-52 94/14
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 90/14
3 per cent 1951-54 Loan 96/4
3 per cent 1949-52 Loan 97/6
3 per cent 1963-65 90/8
4 per cent 1960-70 Loan 104/10
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 101/13
3 per cent War Bonds 100/6
3 1/2 per cent 1947-50 Loan 100/12
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan 109
TAX FREE LOANS
5 per cent 1945-55 Loan 106/14
4 per cent 1953-63 Mysore 113
5 per cent 1965 Mysore 122
CORPORATION DEBENTURES
4 per cent B. P. T 1947 100/8
4 per cent M Deb 1947 104/8
5 per cent M Deb 1959 111
5 per cent M Deb 1964 121
5 per cent K P T 1956 117
Tone:—Steady.

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, May 19

Groundnuts May—			
Opening	.....	51	4 0
Highest	.....	51	4 0
Lowest	.....	50	12 0
Closing	.....	50	12 0
Groundnuts August—			
Opening	.....	51	9 0
Highest	.....	51	12 0
Lowest	.....	50	14 0
Closing	.....	51	2 0
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening	.....	25	14 0
Highest	.....	25	14 0
Lowest	.....	25	13 0
Closing	.....	25	13 0
Cottonseeds September—			
Opening	.....	27	3 0
Highest	.....	27	5 0
Lowest	.....	27	3 0
Closing	.....	27	5 0
Castorseeds September—			
Opening	.....	48	4 0
Highest	.....	48	8 0
Lowest	.....	48	0 0
Closing	.....	48	8 0

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, May 18

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 Two months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months
B.C. Rates:—T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32
NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4; D D Rs 332 3/4.
Banks buying T T Rs 329 1/2; D D Rs 326 1/2
MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4; D D Rs 294 3/4.
BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil
STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
MEXICO:—
Banks selling T T Rs 67.27; D D Rs 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs 62.04
LISBON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nominal; D D Esc 7.35 nominal
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA:—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8; D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil; D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready: 23 1/2 Forward.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—Call 1/4 per cent
1 month 1/2 per cent
2 months 3/4 per cent
3 to 6 months 1 per cent
Tone:—Easy

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, May 19

Yellow metal sheets	..... Rs.	95	0 0
Copper sheets	..... Rs.	124	0 0

Tone:—Steady.

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3] Idle and unhappy in a far-away place, Prasad reads the newspaper every day. But weeks go by and no calamity befalls the city. In the meantime his resources are dwindling and his wife is wretched.

4] At last, realising that the Enemy Radio has been lying in order to frighten him, Prasad returns to the city to resume his work. He is determined not to be frightened again!

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NUCLEUS OF FORCE FOR INVASION OF CONTINENT

LARGEST CONTINGENT OF AMERICAN TROOPS LANDS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

LONDON, May 19

A U.S. War Department 'communique' states:—
"British Isles: The War Department to-day (Monday) announced the arrival in the British Isles of additional United States Army troops. The number is substantially larger than previous contingents and includes tank units. Nothing to report from other areas."

A Northern Ireland Port: The largest contingent of American troops to cross the Atlantic in the present war was disembarked without untoward incident in Northern Ireland recently, says Reuter's special correspondent.

Many thousands in number they include armoured formations with tanks and regiments of field artillery. This important convoy was protected by ships of the American and British navies.

With the troops came a senior officer and his staff Nurses in trousers astonished Americans awaiting to greet the party but this was a non-regulation dress for comfort on the journey.

The nurses were attached to the Harvard University Unit of the American Army Nurse Corps which is composed of nurses and doctors the director being the professor of surgery at the university.

Many of the men in the present contingent are from the Middle West and they looked a particularly husky lot. While waiting their turn to disembark they threw oranges, packets of cigarettes and souvenir dimes to British Tommies on the quayside.

Possibly as the result of practice provided by previous disembarkations everything moved with the utmost smoothness and the ships poured forth masses of men in record time.

MANY THOUSANDS

Reuter's war correspondent with the American forces in Great Britain and Northern Ireland says: "Major General Hartle, Commander-in-Chief of the American forces in Northern Ireland, expressed his satisfaction to-day with the recent arrival in an Ulster port o the largest American contingent ever to arrive in this country.

The nearest I am allowed to state with any accuracy is "many thousands." This latest contingent consists of units of American artillery, tanks and mechanised units.

Over all hangs the element of restrained energy and sense of impending action which no veil of secrecy can hide.

The question constantly asked by practically everyone except by General Hartle himself is why are American forces here in such numbers. So far none but "old man rumour" has supplied any answer and rumour as usual gives us two.

Here they are in the order of what is believed to be their importance. Firstly, to garrison Northern Ireland thereby relieving empire troops for services further afield.

INVASION PLAN

SECONDLY, THE NUCLEUS OF A FORCE FOR EVENTUAL INVASION OF THE CONTINENT. When all factors including the nature of this modern force are considered the real purpose of the American army seems fairly obvious.

However, this small army has not yet become a powerful striking force which it is undoubtedly destined to become although its stature is now likely to increase more rapidly.

The convoy which brought this contingent to Britain was composed of many types of ships ranging from large ships to tiny vessels. The vessels of this vast armada flew both the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack. Its escort included warships.

The convoy was several days unloading as the work was done only during day to avoid danger of working by light during the night —Reuter.

U. S. ARMY MAY USE PANAMA DEFENCE AREAS NOW.

WASHINGTON, May 19.

The United States and the Panama Republic on Monday signed an agreement providing for the use by American armed forces of the numerous defence areas in Panama.

The State Department says that the agreement is "An important contribution to the security of the Panama Canal and the defence of the western hemisphere."

The announcement was also made of a satisfactory settlement of certain outstanding problems in the relations of the two countries.

PARACHUTISTS LAND IN DENMARK

MOSCOW, May 19.
A large number of parachutists landed in Denmark last week according to Geneva despatches.
The Gestapo were put on their track by the German authorities but not a single parachutist has been so far discovered.
To forestal their possible attack the Germans have ordered the reinforcement of guards at all important points.—Reuter.

MORE U. S. SUPPLIES

4 Million Dollar Worth Drugs And Clothing Sent To Russia

WASHINGTON, May 19.

More than three and a half million dollars worth of drugs, medical supplies, and clothing have been sent to Russia by the American Red Cross in recent months and the amounts will be approximately doubled within a short time, the chairman Mr. Norman H. Davis, announced to-day.—Reuter.

TENSION IN NORWAY

STOCKHOLM, May 18.

The tension in Norway has increased to such an extent that the next stage seems to be open guerilla warfare, says the Swedish newspaper 'Afton Tidningen' commenting on Norway's National Day.

The Finnish paper 'Suomen' writes: "Warm thoughts of sympathy go from the northern countries to Norway and its noble people on this day."—Reuter.

Admiral Harwood Succeeds Cunningham

ALEXANDRIA, May 19.

Admiral Harwood has taken over as Commander-in Chief of the Mediterranean in place of Admiral Cunningham.—Reuter.

LIST OF PERSONS KILLED AND INJURED IN SIND TRAIN MISHAP

LAHORE, May 18.

The following press communique has been issued by the Divisional Superintendent, N. W. Railway, Karachi:—

The total number of persons killed in the Lahore Mail accident is 24 of whom only five have been identified so far. The total number of persons injured is 30. The up line has been cleared at 13 hours on date.

List of persons killed: Sir Ghulam Hussain Haydayatullah's son named Munawar Khan, dead body sent by 8 Down mail to Karachi city on May 17; Takhit Ram R. Vaswani, Oriental Life Insurance Company, identified by his brother Hukmat Singh R. Vaswani; R. C. Mittal, No. 1793, account's clerk U. D. clerk in transit from I. G. H., Karachi to I. G. H. Meerut identified by Dr. Rajachandra Mittal; Mrs R. C. Mittal, wife of above; Mr. Aziz Muftikhan, nephew of Khan Sahib Gabole.

List of persons injured:—Gobindram son of Chandiram, Railway Police Constable; Staff Sergeant Pegjay C-2 married quarters K.A.F., died; Johnson, 1024717, R.A.F., Drighroad; Fatehchand S/O Ladharam C/o Holaram Narainidas Stores Shop; O Connet C/o Turner Morrison and Co. Ltd; Azizullah S/O Durmohs, village Lal Bux Khan Subedar, taluka Gharikhairo Upper Sind; Mrs. Kaima W/O Shah Bux Khan, village Kathari Distt Mirpurkhas; Hazarat Masi S/O Jeema, street doctor, Lalchand Sadar Bazar, Sialkot Cantt.; Rattan Singh S/O Chanderbhan, Military driver; Fakir Mohd S/O Noor Mohd, Karachi Cantt.; Ramkishan S/O Dayaram, village Dingh Patti, Taliaho Pohra distt., Garhwal; Private K. Gaynor, King's Own Royal Regiment attached distt. headquarters Peshawar Cantt; Lt. Murphy Green Howard, Jubbulpore; Lt. Cotter 2nd Gurkha Regt Dehra Dun; A. C. I. Beasly; A. C. Everington; Rods S/OM DCNOO fireman Rohri; Athide, Bag guard T. Up; Persumal S/O Goodumal village Bhairak P. O. Rohri Distt. Sukkur; Dharamsingh, soldier; Bhagalpur; D.O.C. Decunnah Daman, Portuguese B. B. and C. I.; Shamsingh Mangat Ram KYC to SML peon, Revenue Minister Sind; Hajee Mohd S/O Fateh Mohd; Mohan Narain KYC to Gul Margh c/o Capt. Davis; Lakho Parnoo; Lokumal Iceman; Akbar Shah Nawaz Mali c/o Sunemunder Khan, Zaildar village Chantri P. O. Kripisan. Distt. Haran; Hayat, Indian Christian, servant of Capt. Price c/o Feroze Hayat, Sialkot; Wilkinson and Carman, Guard.—A.P.

Harrowing Tales

Harrowing tales of brutality, ruthlessness and looting in the Oderolal train derailment are pouring in. Passengers by the ill-fated train and other eye-witnesses bring tales of how the 'Hurs' looted passengers and killed or wounded many. Accounts are also received of some miraculous escapes.

The car man in the first compartment catapulted clear of the broken roof of the compartment of the ground unhurt. Later when he was proceeding on foot to Tandoadam he was fired on by the 'Hurs', but escaped with injuries. One of the guards of the train escaped unhurt, while the second was injured.

It is learnt that the engine-driver himself had a lucky escape. As he approached the scene of disaster he grew suspicious about the condition of the track and applied the brakes, but he found that the train was turning over. He jumped clear and fell into a nearby pit. Some 'Hurs' who wanted to finish him off looked into the engine for him, but not finding him there they thought he had been killed under the engine and retired.

Much sympathy was felt for Minister, Sir Ghulam Hussein in his bereavement by the sad loss of his son whose funeral last evening was attended by all leading citizens.

The Hindu Mahasabha, Karachi, passed a resolution yesterday that they "note with deep regret and consternation the numerous crimes and murders perpetrated on innocent people in Sind, both Hindus and Muslims, and convey their sympathy to the bereaved families."

MAHATMA'S MESSAGE

Writing on behalf of Mahatma Gandhi to a student in Karachi regarding the 'Hur' menace in Sind, Mr. Mahadev Desai says: "It is no use depending on the Congress or the Congress leaders. Congress is you and members of the public. They must take courage in both hands and defend themselves with whatever they can muster."

H. E. the Governor and Lady Dow called on Sir Ghulam Hussein to condole with him on the death of his son.

Allies May Take New Action In Indian Ocean

General Smuts Drops Hint About Future Plan

CAIRO, May 19.

The Union Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief General Smuts has been paying a visit to Egypt. Addressing officers at a large South African base camp, he dropped a hint of the possibility of action in the Indian Ocean in the near future.

"Madagascar is the back door to South Africa", he said, "and sometimes the back door is more dangerous than the front door."

General Smuts said that Allied air power had been lamentably weak. Germany had been miles ahead. Now however air supremacy is swinging to our side. That was clearly demonstrated in the R. A. F. offensive over Germany.

Russia had been a new factor in the war and the way the Soviet troops had been fighting was nothing short of a miracle.

Important decisions regarding the use of South African troops in North Africa were taken at his conference with military leaders. During his visit to the Eighth Army General Smuts inspected South African units.

General Smuts was accompanied to North Africa by Mrs. Smuts who, while her husband was visiting troops in the forward areas, spent an equally strenuous time visiting South African hospitals, convalescent homes and women's war organisations.

General Smuts' tour was one of the most strenuous and comprehensive carried out in any war zone by any Allied national leader.

His visit lasted ten days.—Reuter

N. AFRICA TO BE GREAT OFFENSIVE BASE

CAIRO, May 19.

General Smuts at a press conference in Cairo on Monday summarised his impression of his North Africa visit. Not only would the Middle East be defended but there is a possibility that it would become a great offensive base. General Smuts said that he was greatly heartened by what he had seen—"The army, as I saw it, is at the top of its form."—Reuter.

Indian Dances At Washington Festival

WASHINGTON, May 14.—To the accompaniment of drums from India a group of Indian dancers from New York received loud applause at the Ninth National Four-Day Folk Festival at Washington this week.

The group danced the Kalingazao Bhairova, which was developed thousands of years ago, the Shudh Raza, and the Pilu Dhansari, which is popular among the northern India hill tribes. With Wasantha Singh playing the tabla-taranga, Minakshi playing the israj, and Sant Ram Mandal playing the sarod, the Kafi was performed.

Filipino students from the University of Michigan did the rice planting dance accompanied by Philippine guitars.

Among the other representatives at the song and dance festival were Ukrainians, Czechs, Chinese, Russians, Norwegians, Poles, Lithuanians, American Indians, and "hillbillys".

PLIGHT OF ADIVASIS

(From A Special Correspondent)

On Friday, the Adivasi Seva Mandal convened a Conference of the Adivasis of the Umbergaon Taluka in the Thana District at a village called Deheli near the Bhilad Station, B. B. and C. I. Railway. Nearly 5,000 Adivasis mainly Varlies and Dublas had attended the Conference. It was not as if only the Conference had attracted this huge mass of humanity from the jungles and hills of the Taluka. The Reception Committee had announced that the audience would be given one meal of "dal" and rice after the Conference was over. This possibility of a meal and that, too, of rice and dal—not nagli or kani-water in these days when absolute starvation for two to three days at a time even is the fate of these people,—it was this hope of a meal which was the real attraction for these people. The conditions that were seen at the Conference and in the nearby village of Sirgaon were simply appalling.

Umbergaon is in the grip of a famine. The Adivasis, i.e., the Varlies, Dublas, Katkharies and others form the main bulk of the population. They are nearly 64 per cent of the total population of 86,000. Though the original sons of the soil, they hardly own 2 per cent of the land i.e. 1 800 acres out of 86,000 acres. They are mostly tenants or agricultural labourers. The condition of the Adivasis in Umbergaon has really been, perhaps, the worst.

Mr. Symington observes in his report:—

"The conditions under which the jungle tribes people work and live, are wretched in the extreme and the abuses to which they are subject, constitute a blot on the administration."

"In any case, I find that rentals are now far too high and it is certain that they do not leave the cultivator sufficient for his livelihood even for half the year."

"Tenants of land in the vast jungle tracts of the District are entirely dependent on their landlords not only for lands to cultivate without which they would starve but also for their maintenance during not less than five months in the year. Their very houses are as a rule scattered on their landlords' fields and they may, at any time, be ordered to remove their huts from the break of rains until the rice harvest, advances taken in kind called khavti from their landlords are their only source of maintenance. If they offend their landlords, the result is eviction and starvation."

We do not refer to the other conditions described in the Report, as we were told that they do not apply to this Taluka. But any one will agree that what is stated above is the bare truth.

This year, there has been a total failure of rains and crops in the coastal tract. The rainfall in the jungle area was somewhat better but not sufficient even for an eight anna crop. The landlords were prompt enough to collect whatever they could, leaving hardly anything for the tenants. Even ordinarily, as shown by Mr. Symington, these tenants cannot feed themselves on their share of the produce longer than until March. Thereafter they must rely on their earnings by casual labour. There are hardly any industries except the jungle work in this 'peta.' Thus there is hardly any source of regular employment during the six months. Even the jungle work is now closed. With no demand for labour, the rate of wages prevailing in the 'peta' is at present two annas per man and one anna per woman. Some of them weave Khajuri Chatais or Mats and the wage for a whole day's work of Chatai-making which used to be two pice has now been reduced to one pice. The Chatais fetch three to six annas in Bombay. On the other hand, as a result of famine and war conditions the price of their staple food namely rice has gone up like anything. How can a man or a woman getting at most two annas and one anna a day afford to purchase any rice? These extremely low wages can hardly fetch a seer of rice and that of the lowest quality and the quantity cannot suffice for a family of four or five members. In these circumstances, the only alternative is a meal of kanji prepared out of kani, i.e. or broken rice which is somewhat cheaper and out of which 'kanji' can be prepared by mere addition of water and thus liquidifying the stuff. But even this 'kanji' is not available to hundreds and thousands for there is no work or employment and hence, no wages or money to buy kani. They live on wild roots known as Kund. The Government has started relief work in the coastal area but the relief is inadequate and does not reach many. As the jungle season is approaching its close, more people will be thrown out of job. The landlords are not yet starting any works, like repairing bandhs or digging wells or effecting improvements to their fields.

At the Conference, Mr. Kher appealed to them to start such work and provide some employment and also to give wages on the scales laid down by the Government. What response this appeal will get remains to be seen. Some of the Savkars propose to dole out a meal of 'kanji' to the residents of their respective localities. Whether such schemes will materialise seems problematical. A beginning has been made at Sirgaon where about five to six hundred people are going to be given a meal of 'kanji' once a day. The scene noticed at this place was heart-rending. Hundreds of men and women, old and young, sick and decrepit, reduced to mere skeletons by starvation had flocked there on our visit to that place. Some of them had come from a distance of seven to eight miles for a bowl of 'kanji.' Most of the women had brought their children with them. They were all dressed in tattered rags. The scene was still worse at Deheli, where thousands such skeletons were gathering from early morning for meal of rice and 'dal', which was going to be distributed in the evening. The problem of feeding these people and keeping them alive till the harvest is beyond solution by private agencies. We wonder whether the authorities have realised the gravity of the situation. Even the organisers of the Conference had no idea that the condition of the Adivasis there was so dreadful. The Adivasi Seva Mandal will no doubt invite the attention of the Government to the prevailing conditions and request them immediately to organise relief all over the area, but the machinery of Government moves very slow. In the meantime, there may be further havoc caused by epidemics like cholera etc., which are likely to break out with the outbreak of the rains. It is, therefore, very necessary that some of the non-official humanitarian organisations as well as the generous public should come forward and help the Adivasi Seva Mandal to organise relief among these unfortunate people.

CHARLIE CHAN — AMSCRA OUYA UGGSMA — By ALFRED ANDRIOLA

EASY, PISTOL! EACH COAL LUMP HAS DYNAMITE INSIDE! YOU DROP ONE AND WE'LL LAND IN PIECES!
YOU'RE TELLING ME!
DUCK! THERE'S A PLAIN CLOTHES COPPER! GOOD THING WE'RE DRESSED LIKE WORKMEN... WHAT'S THAT SOUND!
THAT'S MY TEETH CH-CHATTERING!
THE NEXT LOAD THEY GET THEY'LL SHOVEL THIS DYNAMITE COAL INTO THE FURNACE AND— WHAM!
MY KNEES ARE SHAKING LIKE A RUMBA DANCER'S!
HERE'S A GUY TAKING THE DYNAMITE COAL NOW! WE'D BETTER SCRAM!
SCRAM? I'M GONNA SPROUT WINGS AND FLY!
Alfred Andriola
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